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**Barry Yacht Club completes 'Turn of  
the Tide' row for charity - see page 5.**

## Investigation after Barry Island rumpus

**SOUTH Wales Police is investigating a disturbance involving a large group of youths on Barry Island on Monday, April 22.**

The incident took place near to Smugglers Cove mini golf on the promenade, shortly before 7.20pm.

Local Policing Inspector for Barry, Scott Lloyd, said: "Barry Island is a place for all the family and this kind of behaviour will not be tolerated.

"Enquiries are ongoing into this incident and I would urge anyone who witnessed it, or has any information which could assist the investigation, to get in touch.

"We continue to carry out high-visibility patrols on the island in particular during the busy holiday periods.

"I understand the concerns of local traders and the community and would like to reassure them that we are working closely with partners to clamp down on any intent on causing

trouble in the area."

A video went up on social media showing the scenes of disorder.

The GEM understands that traders and an off-duty council worker tried to calm the situation.

Plaid Cymru councillor Nic Hodges said: "I went to Barry Island on Bank Holiday Monday.

It was very busy, the car parks were full and there were groups drinking cans of lager despite there being a supposed alcohol ban in place.

"There needs to be a review of policing the Island on busy days, and the council need to put a system in place to stop car access when the car parks are full, except to Island residents."

Barry Island has an excellent, family friendly reputation and incidents like this are rare.

Anyone with any information is asked to call 101 quoting reference 1900144056 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Promotion dream for Barry RFC!



### 'Walk of Witness'

*The first outing of  
the new cross held by  
Matt Lewis.*

**GLORIOUS** sunshine blessed the Easter Walk of Witness in Dinas Powys when members of local chapels and churches walked from the Twyn through Dinas Powys, passing Nisa and Tesco, and finally ending at Bethesda Chapel.

Fish and chips sustained around 100 walkers at the end of the evening.

Rev Jon Davis of the Baptist Church and Revs Carole and Phil Challis of the Methodists led the service with the first hymn, 'Light of The World'. The reading of Mark's Gospel was by David Cocks.

At Nisa, the hymn 'Here Is Love, Vast As the Ocean' was sung. The next reading was given by Ciara McAlpine.

Finally, at Tesco, the hymn was 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,' with Sarah Long reading.

Matt Lewis of Bethesda commissioned the new cross and led the short service at Bethesda.

Many thanks go to Cllr John Fanshaw for the loan of the PA system and everyone who kept safe by traffic marshal, Brian West.

There were jubilant scenes on Saturday as Barry RFC ensured promotion to Division 1 after a 40-34 victory over Taff's Well. The celebrations continued long into the night and players, management and supporters will be looking forward to testing themselves at a higher level next season. For a full match report, turn to the back page. PICTURE BY JUDITH DUTTON.

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## 'Teenagers cause more mess than dogs'

**G**LADSTONE Park gets in a mess when school is out, mainly through teenagers leaving their juice bottles and snack wrappers all over the park.

Cigarette butts surround the seats and broken glass is left on the paths.

However, they can't put their rubbish in the bins because they are all full and haven't been emptied for days.

Dog walkers are looked down upon, yet the kids leave a more visible mess.

The new trees have been ruined by smaller children; the supports that have no tree left should be removed.

Christine Davies,  
Barry.

## 'Chaos' at Five Mile Lane

**D**O the Vale Council and Welsh Assembly realise the frustration of the ill-coordinated mess which is the straightening of the Five Mile Lane?

It is typical of the construction industry and builders that they start in different areas and then finish in a flourish to fanfares of a great job done.

There is no doubt it will be a great road when it is finished.

Why wasn't one end finished, Waycock Cross, with the whole workforce and the work 'in the fields' could then be the next stage, which does not cause the mayhem which was the A4050 for eight weeks.

There does not seem any end to this chaos as there are now four sets of traffic control at the moment.

Paul Blanchard,  
Barry.

## Europe will hold together (geologically speaking)

**I**AM a geologist with some specialisation in the field of global tectonics.

I would like to reassure last week's correspondent Mr Workman, of Cowbridge that, short of a catastrophic asteroid impact, there is no mechanism whereby the land areas of the UK, Norway or Switzerland might physically leave the European continent on the timescale of

even many thousands of human lifespans, and, as such, it is safe for us to continue to use 'Europe' as a useful synecdoche for 'the EU'.

I doubt that the letters page of The GEM would survive such an event, so Mr Workman's opportunity for an 'I told you so' response in such a circumstance will be limited.

James Blight,  
Barry.

## Readers' Letters

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## Reader's questions on the Dinas Powys bypass

**I**HAVE spent over half a century trying to do my bit for the community in which I live, Dinas Powys.

I am at present a member of Dinas Powys Community Council and the Bypass Steering Group and I write as both a councillor and an individual.

During this time, I have rarely been more shocked than when reading that the Vale Council cabinet has unilaterally decided to select a single route for the hard-fought-for Dinas Powys bypass.

We are told there will be a public consultation lasting 12 weeks. What's the point when they've already made their decision from a semi-complete draft report? In my book, that is democracy gone haywire.

This is despite an undertaking the Vale Cabinet made to Dinas

Powys Community Council in April of last year.

The community council had unanimously asked the Vale to 'widen the scope' of the Barry end to ensure the best route was selected. This was agreed, and has been worked on by Arcadis.

It would appear that this decision is not even a recommendation of the officers or their consultants. It is the desire of a very few members without any substantive explanation.

Without full cost and value assessments, comparisons cannot be made. The Vale Council has virtually ripped up the rule book for the Welsh Government study to do their own thing.

What happens if the Assembly do not agree with this proposal, for any one of several glaring reasons? We could be left with nothing.

Our only chance now is to turn up in droves at the Stage 2 Public

Consultation and voice our views there and in writing.

When the Stage 1 Consultation was held, the overwhelming public support for any bypass resulted in its inclusion when none was originally included.

Now, after 90-odd years of asking, and almost three years of lobbying, it has been proven that a bypass is the main solution to traffic problems through Dinas Powys. The least we can do is make sure it follows the best route.

No doubt, a completed Arcadis report would have delivered that solution rather than the precipitous action which has happened. The cabinet changed their undertaking to the Community Council once. Surely they can recognise the error of their ways and allow a choice of selection to go forward to the end of Stage 2, thus proving that democracy is alive and well?

Edward Jenkins  
BEM,  
Dinas Powys.

## New houses must be 'sustainable'

**I**AM sure I am not the only person to note that the new housing estate being built outside Cowbridge and the other new housing which is infilling green spaces to Cardiff, is being constructed with little thought to sustainability other than current building regulation; no solar panels, water capture, wind turbines etc.

It is quite within our technology to make houses carbon neutral or even net generators and the installation costs are lowest and benefit highest at the point of build.

The policy of not putting local shops in (to protect town shop business) will mean more vehicle journeys.

Housing is built to last for potentially hundreds of years, and with an awakening to the climatic and environmental impact of increasing carbon

dioxide concentrations due to deforestation and relentless fossil fuel use, coupled with future energy demand growth (e.g. projected 97 per cent growth in world electricity demand 2009 to 2035) has led to general scientific agreement that we are heading rapidly in the wrong direction.

Even if you are the most ardent denier that the science of climate change is not proven (hottest Easter this year on record), the cost advantages over the lifetime of a house as well as the rapid growth of new industries are attractive, alongside leaving fossil fuels in the ground, which future generations will need for intensive farming.

I am not planning to glue myself to the new show homes, but I am asking how this might be changed?

I would encourage you to contact local MPs, councils and planning authorities.

Dale Gooding,  
Cowbridge.

## Car parking in the Vale

**T**WO points for Miles Punter, director of housing and environment, to consider on the car parking in the Vale:

If it's not being proposed as a cash cow, what is the point of doing it?

As for his statement: "There is no such thing as free car parking", he

should look out of his window at the Civic Offices: there is a very big free park. Are workers in there going to pay the same as Barry Island workers are expected to pay?

I would be delighted if council workers had to pay a yearly fee for a space as others have to.

A little bit one sided, if you ask me.

David Arnell Smith,  
Rhoose.

## Taxpayers' Alliance not what you think

**W**HILE I have no wish to defend the high salaries of senior Vale Council officials, nor the inefficiency of the council, I feel I must point out that the Taxpayers' Alliance (GEM Letters, April 18) isn't some worthy body defending the likes of you and me.

It is an economically extreme right-wing libertarian pressure group which is secretive about its funding, and whose aim, I believe, is to allow the ultra-rich to pay even less tax than they do already by undermining the public's faith in the public sector.

Davy Cartwright,  
Llantwit Major.

## Enfys Craft Fair

ENFYS Craft Fair will take place on Saturday, May 5 at the St Ffrancis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry between 10am and 4pm with free admission.

Enfys has over 16 stallholders with an amazing range of colourful, glittering crafts: items made from different fabrics, jewellery made from silver and other gems, cards, photographic items, beautiful wooden gifts made by Reg (who can repair parts of your wooden

furniture). There is so much to see, do come along.

Enjoy the delights from Ann's Kitchen all day. If you haven't already had breakfast, buns can be had with fried eggs and bacon and a different menu suitable for lunch.

Our May charity will be the St John's Alzheimer's Support in Barry Island at Crossroads Day Centre, Breakea Drive.

For more information call Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

## HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL MAY 1)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
25 Thur	11.12	8.5	23.34	8.3
26 Fri	11.58	7.8	-----	---
27 Sat	00.29	7.5	12.59	7.3
28 Sun	01.47	7.3	14.33	7.2
29 Mon	03.14	7.4	15.57	7.6
30 Tues	04.22	7.8	16.54	8.1
01 Wed	05.14	8.3	17.39	8.4
02 Thurs	05.54	8.7	18.16	8.8

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# Mike's marathon is a 'thank you' to cancer researchers

**THE son of a man who lives in Sully is returning to the UK to take part in the London Marathon and raise funds for Prostate Cancer Research.**

Mike Daughton (49) is keen to thank researchers who have helped his father Peter, who suffers from the disease. Peter (77) a retired teacher, told The GEM: "Mike lives in Sydney, but is coming over specifically to take part in the London Marathon on Sunday, April 28.

"In spite of being



Mike Daughton with his father Peter.

asthmatic, he started running a few years ago in his mid-40s with the ambition of running to raise money for Prostate

Cancer Research. He wants to show the family's gratitude for the drugs that have helped me survive for the last

17 years.

"These include hormone tablets and injections, radiotherapy, chemotherapy and a trial drug for the last four years. The hope is that the research will continue and more men will benefit in the future."

So far Mike has raised more than £2,100. If people want to make a donation they should search for Mike Daughton at JustGiving.com. Peter added: "I would like to thank the wonderful doctors, nurse, phlebotomists and scan operators at Velindre Hospital for all their help."

## Pat is the overall winner in Sully Art Group competition

**ON April 16 Sully Art Group held their annual competition.**

There were three categories: watercolour, oils and acrylics and pastels. Vaughan Cummings, a local artist was invited to come and judge the paintings.

He was impressed by the wide variety of subjects painted by the group, and spent some time examining and commenting on each one. His helpful and encouraging criticisms were much appreciated by members.

He finished by selecting a winner from each category. Each member had then to choose, from these three pictures, their choice as the overall winner. This was judged to be Pat Clifton's oil painting of an abandoned slate quarry chapel in north Wales. This will be on posters and flyers advertising the forthcoming art exhibition to be held on June 8 and 9 in the Old School, Sully.



Pat Clifton (centre), the competition winner, a member for almost 40 years, with judge Vaughn Cummings, and Hilary Ta, chairwoman of Sully Painting Group.

## Local author launches new book on his ancestor

**LOCAL author Brian C Luxton is best known for his three volumes on the subject of Old Barry in photographs.**

He has also had work published in Stewart William's Glamorgan Historian, Morgannwg, the Journal of Glamorgan History, and was a contributor to the Barry Centenary Book (1984).

In 1984, he established the Luxton Family History Society which has an international membership and produces a journal, Time-Link, which updates members on the latest research.

His new book 'My Father's People' is the culmination of more than half a century's research on his own branch of the family and he has made a diverse use of documentary information supplemented with newspaper reports and oral memories.

In his book, the author tells of his search for his Luxton ancestors. The book details his methods of research and there is local interest when he

writes about his family in Barry. In 1894, work began on the second dock and John Spickett of Rock House, Cadoxton, offered Brian's grandfather a sovereign a week, which he accepted as it was a 25 per cent pay increase.

Burt Luxton, the author's father, began his apprenticeship as a fitter/turner in Barry Graving Dock in 1930. As a skilled dock worker he was in a reserve occupation when war was declared in 1939 and Burt spent the war years busily employed repairing war damaged ships.

On the evening of July 1, 1940, the first air raid on Barry, a bomb was dropped in Coldbrook Road. Brian's father, who had gone out of the shelter "to watch the fireworks" was flung into the garage wall.

'My Father's People' can be purchased on Amazon for £39.99 or from the author for £30 plus postage; email b.luxton@yahoo.co.uk. The book is also available at Aldon Grisdale, Copy It, 196 Holton Road, Barry.

## Easter Bonnet winners for Friends and Neighbours



**THE Barry Friends and Neighbours Easter party organised by Gay Fifield included an Easter Bonnet contest judged by Vale AM Jane Hutt and the Mayor of Barry Town, Cllr Janice Charles.**

The Easter party held at the Pioneer Hall was also entertained by the Barry Male Voice Choir. Jane Hutt said: "The annual Easter Party organised by Gay Fifield for the popular Barry Friends and Neighbours Club was a great success and enjoyed by all those who attended, including the Easter Bonnet winners."

Gay Fifield, Cllr Janice Charles and Jane Hutt AM with Easter Bonnet winners.

## Royal British Legion's invite to commemoration event

**A SHORT service and wreath and cross laying to commemorate the 75th anniversaries of D-Day, Arnhem, Monte Cassino and Kohima will take place on Sunday, June 9, at 2pm at the Cenotaph, Gladstone Road, Barry.**

Wreaths and crosses are available to reserve by ringing Teresa on 07340 220904. Commemorative D-Day items are limited, so reservation is recommended.

Other wreaths and crosses will

also be available on the day from the RBL gazebo. All proceeds from wreaths and crosses will go to the Annual Poppy Appeal.

Everyone is welcome. There will be some chairs available, and people can bring their own.

The Royal British Legion would like to know if any Veterans from these campaigns are planning to attend.

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# 'Five-Friday' March makes it a very busy month for Barry Camera Club members

**MARCH** this year unusually had five Fridays, and this month's programme started on St David's Day with a visit from Bristolians David Bathard and Tony Cooper.

Their presentation was entitled 'Two of a Kind' and was delivered in a comfortable, laid-back style by two experienced photographers. The photographs showcased a variety of topics ranging from outstanding images taken around northern India to a fascinating series around Spike Island, an arts and exhibition centre in Bristol's docklands.

They each showed a panel which had led

to them being awarded distinctions and explained in great detail the thought processes involved in the selection of images and presentation of each panel.

Both presenters were happy to answer questions and offered a great deal of sound advice. This was a very well-constructed presentation of great interest to the members, especially those who plan to apply for their own distinctions later in the year.

On March 8, we were treated to view the portfolio of Rob Owens, one of our longstanding members. He presented more than 100 images throughout the evening, including several of his early works from the days of film when he developed his own

negatives and spent many hours in the darkroom making the prints and then right through to the present day.

He began by talking us through some of the stories associated with the photos he presented, showing not only a great exhibition of his work but some excellent humour to boot!

The exhibition was an extraordinary mix of old, new, black and white and colour prints of the highest standard and although he no longer works in film, except on the rare occasion, he continues to produce excellent pictures in a range of genres in both monochrome and colour.

His favourite genre is landscapes, but he also exhibited some great work in general

photography, sport and architecture. Thanks, Rob, for a great evening; not only pleasing to see but also providing us with the inspiration to get out and take some photographs.

On March 12, there was a three-way print and digital battle with Rhondda and Gwynfa camera clubs.

Gwynfa took the first and second sections, scoring 114 points in each round. Barry took second place scoring 111 and 106 points and runners up this year were Rhondda, having scored 107 and 109 points. Overall, the winners were Gwynfa by six points with Barry just pipping Rhondda for second place.

On March 15, we welcomed Johnnie Rogers with his presentation entitled 'Johnnie's Selection Box'.

He took us on a journey through his photographic interests, concentrating on natural history. His love of the Gwent levels, an area near his home, was illustrated by the number of

high-quality shots of birds, butterflies and other wildlife shown.

We also saw a series of shots of the Bluebell woods of Norfolk, motorcycle off-roading in North Wales and an interesting series of infra-red images of Duffryn Gardens.

Unlike most presenters, who only show their very best work, Johnnie was quite happy to show us his less successful images. He took great care to explain to us where he had gone wrong and how he would improve the shot on a future visit, which was very useful to us all.

Finally, Johnnie gave us his mantra: "If it pleases you, take the shot, and before you do that think what you want to do with the image when finished," which gave us all food for thought.

On March 22, Brian Haggerty visited and gave us a demonstration of image editing entitled 'Photoshop for Photographers'. Post-processing is ever more important in

club photography and few images shown in our competitions are not processed in some way. The potential of the Photoshop program is vast and Brian could only show us a limited amount during the evening but we all learned something new and look forward to using Brian's techniques to improve the quality of our work.

The month concluded with our monthly competition night judged by Brian Coleman, who gave a detailed and very thorough critique to every shot. He was most impressed by the overall standard of the work presented to him and was unable to separate the marks into a wide spread. He awarded marks and prizes as follows:

**Monochrome Print:** Winner, Glenn Porter with 20 points for his 'Surf Competition' who most unusually was also awarded 20 points and joint first place with himself for 'A Table By The Window'. Both Pat Hollis

and Roy Carr were awarded 19 points and joint second place for 'The Observer' and 'Sheered' respectively, and third place with 18 points was shared by Barbra Archdale-Smith for 'Gathering Storm Over The Clump', Rob Owens for 'At Margam Sands' and Roy Carr for 'Corfe Castle'.

**Colour Print:** First with 20 points, Glenn Porter for 'Surf Aerial'; second, 19 points, Kathy Edwards for 'Beachy Head Lighthouse'; third, 18 points, Rob Owens for 'Steel Works No.3'.

The Projected Image section was the most keenly contested section and Brian found it very difficult to differentiate between the higher marked pieces. First with 20 points, Frank Clelland with 'Who's That Lady?'; second, 19 points, Brian Trego for 'Lonely Life' and Glenn Porter for 'Post Race At The Finish Line'; third was shared by Tina

Hayden for 'Calendula', Glenn Porter for 'Snow Shapes' and Roy Carr for 'Freedom', all with 18 points.

Congratulations to all prize winners, particularly Kathy and Tina for taking some points from our more regular prize winners!

Throughout 2019 there is a full programme of talks, demonstrations, photographic expeditions, competitions and inter-club battles planned. New members will be made welcome, with a summer programme especially for the new and less experienced photographers.

The Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm-9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. For more information, visit [www.barrycameraclub.co.uk](http://www.barrycameraclub.co.uk) and our Facebook page.

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## Soroptimists' workshop at Golau Caredig



**BARRY** and District Soroptimists recently held a morning workshop at Golau Caredig in Barry.

The residents enjoyed making beautiful Easter decorations made

from carefully cut fabric in lovely, bright colours. After a very enjoyable morning, they thanked Mary-Anne Marsden, who hosted the morning, for her creative inspiration in showing what can be made.

JB

## From waterfalls to wetlands for Ramblers

**FOURTEEN** walkers joined Clive from Penarth and District Ramblers for a delightful walk in spring sunshine in 'Waterfall Country' beginning from Pontneddfechan, making their way upstream along an old tramroad from when this area was used for mining silica rock.

Diverting along the Afon Pyrddin to view the splendid Sgwd Gwladus waterfall, they re-joined the Nedd Fechan River on an undulating footpath through woodland past the Horseshoe Falls, making for the picnic area at Pont Melin-fach for morning refreshments. Further woodland paths led them high above the river to Pont Rhyd-y-Cnau where a climb brought them out onto the road with views to Moel Penderyn.

They stopped at Cwm Porth for lunch, after which some of the newer members of the group descended to view Porth yr Ogof cave and the Afon Mellte. Continuing to Sgwd Clun-gwyn, they journeyed on to descend steps into the valley where the Afon Hepste thunders down at Sgwd yr Eira and made their way underneath the waterfall on an old drover's road.

Reaching the opposite side of the valley, a short but steep climb brought them along a path leading past the old ruined farmsteads of Cilhepste-fach and Cerig to the enormous Dinas Rock, before a descent to the valley floor led them back to their start.

William and his 12 companions enjoyed a mid-week spring walk in glorious warm sunshine on the Gwent Levels, beginning their 14-mile journey from the Newport Wetlands Nature Reserve, created from reclaimed land and now a haven for wildlife and migrating birds. Joining the Wales Coast path along the edge of the Severn Estuary mudflats, they passed the East Usk lighthouse, built in 1893,

before turning inland through the hamlet of Saltmarsh to the Goldcliffe Pill, where a tidal flap system drains water from the reens (or ditches) that keep the previous marshland dry, a system that has been in operation since Roman times. Heading back to the sea wall for their morning refreshment break, they sped on past blossoming blackthorn bushes, moving inland to Redwick.

The village is dominated by the Church of St Thomas where a plaque marks the height the water reached, when during the Great Flood of 1606-7 a huge wall of water crashed up the estuary claiming around 2,000 lives.

Following their stop for lunch they headed southwest where a series of fields and footbridges led them safely across the ditches and reens to the hamlet of Whitson, then onto the road to Lower Pill Farm.

Yet more footbridges and fields brought them into Goldcliffe and the delightful archway of trees that lead to the entrance of St Mary Magdalene Church and another plaque commemorating the Great Flood. Fields and more footbridges led past Henton Farm to Nash, where they re-joined the coast path in order to return to their start.

On April 27, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile moderate walk taking in St Fagans, St Brides-super-Ely and St George's; contact Alison on 07717 820 012.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the leader for advice. For up to date information, log onto [www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com](http://www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com) or follow on Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

## Father Ben's cycling challenge



**FATHER Ben Andrews, Rector of Barry, has set himself a challenge of cycling around the diocese and visiting as many churches as he can in 3.5 days.**

He set off on his cycling pilgrimage on Easter Tuesday, April 23, as part of his preparations for Llandaff Diocese's Year of Pilgrimage next year.

Along the way, he is aiming to raise funds for various building projects in four churches in Barry, help buy new tents for young pilgrims from Llandaff attending this year's Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage in August and support the Rectorial Benefice of Aberavon in their £350,000 fundraising drive for the St Mary's Restoration Appeal.

"I'm really looking forward to it as it's something that I've wanted to do for a long time and it will also be my cycling challenge for the year," said Fr Ben.

Two years ago, Fr Ben

cycled 150 miles from St David's to Barry in three days as part of a fundraising drive for a new roof at All Saints, Barry.

On Easter Tuesday, Fr Ben left St Mary's Church in Barry, heading past St Cadoc's to St Peters, Dinas Powys, then up to Llandough, Llandaff, Grange town and the centre of Cardiff.

Yesterday (Wednesday) he travelled from St Mary's Church out to Whitchurch, Tongwynlais, Pontypridd, Abercynon and Penrhwiwiber. Today (Thursday) he is aiming to cycle to Aberaman, Aberdare, Hirwaun, the Neath Valley, Baglan and Aberavon.

In his final day in the saddle, he will ride from Port Talbot to Margam, Pyle, Laleston, Ewenny, Llantwit Major and back to Barry in time for tea.

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Members of Barry Yacht Club sea rowing section took part in an 80-mile row for the charity Llamau.

## Barry Yacht Club completes 'Turn of Tide Row' for charity

**EARLIER this month, Barry Yacht Club's sea rowing section was forced to cancel its 80-mile charity row (using its Celtic long-boats) to Mumbles and back due to poor weather conditions.**

The club hoped another suitable moment would present itself and on Friday, April 19, the weather proved perfect with a light easterly wind. This allowed the rowers to take full advantage of the strong ebb tide.

Leaving Barry at 7am just before high water, the two Barry boats were joined by a third boat from Mumbles and the safety boat, owned and manned by Phil Dotchon.

In near perfect conditions, the boats followed the coast, arriving in Mumbles at 12.37pm.

Welcome refreshments were provided by the Mumbles Amateur Rowing Club. There were some crew changes at this stage of the row. One crew from Barry stayed in the boat for the return journey to complete the 80-mile row.

The club's second boat was being manned by a crew from Mumbles, Towry and Aberaeron for the return leg.

It was an uneventful row back to Barry, both boats arriving with beautiful moonlight lighting up the harbour entrance as members of the club rushed down to welcome them back and haul the boats up

the slipway.

This year, the row will be to raise money to support Llamau, the charity that provides help and guidance for young people between the ages of 14 to 19.

The money raised will provide membership of the club's sea rowing section for several young people together with the required equipment. They will, with active participation, gain the skills and confidence they will need to become independent young adults.

*If you are interested in taking part in sea rowing, email rogerdon37@gmail.com.*

## Resident's plea on Victoria Park

**A BARRY resident has contacted The GEM to say he is disappointed by the state of Victoria Park over the weekends.**

Mr Ian Dowdell said council workers did a good job keeping it tidy during the week, but a lack of staff at weekends meant the toilets were not opened and there was more rubbish around.

The Vale Council said the park had achieved 'Green-Flag status' for nine years due to its high standards, but confirmed that due to the pressure on budgets, staffing had been reduced over the weekends.

Mr Dowdell said: "I walk my dogs regularly at Victoria Park and the workers keep the park in good order during the week.

"But over the weekend, it seems the council can't afford the staff and the toilets are closed, which is not good if you are disabled.

"The gates are constantly left open 24/7, allowing drugs and alcohol to be consumed and dumped, not in the bins but everywhere. There's also broken glass around the caged (sports) area."

Mr Dowdell said that while the council had been concerned about local dog walkers, he was worried that the park was going downhill because of a lack of staffing.

He added: "The team which look after this historical park during the week should be proud of the job they

do and I thank them. But the council needs to get its act together and stop penny-pinching."

Colin Smith of the Vale Council emphasised that members of the public should contact the council if they see instances of littering or anti-social behaviour.

He said: "Unfortunately, due to decreasing budgets and increasing financial pressures, it has been necessary to reduce the levels of staffing at the park at weekends.

"Victoria Park, like all other Vale parks, is visited each Saturday and Sunday by members of our neighbourhood services team, who remove litter and clean the area.

"The gates are locked seven days a week, apart from on very rare occasions of staff unavailability.

Unfortunately, following incidents of vandalism, toilets are now only opened Monday to Friday during the park's staffed hours or for organised events.

"We are sorry that Mr Dowdell was unhappy with aspects of the park during his last visit and would encourage him to report any incidents of littering or anti-social behaviour to us so action can be taken.

"Victoria Park has been awarded Green-Flag status, the internationally-renowned mark of a top-quality outdoor space, for the last nine years and this would not have been possible without adhering to the highest standards."

## Plenty of good advice at Neighbourhood Watch meeting

**THE Highlight Park Neighbourhood Watch annual residents' meeting held on April 15 was very well attended.**

PC Bleddyn Jones and PCSO Russell Evans warned that most burglaries were as a result of residents leaving house doors unlocked when at home.

In modern society, policing has changed. The Police rely on local residents passing on information (intelligence) for them to investigate.

Cyber fraud and abusive trolling are increasing, causing victims huge distress. Scams are on the increase online, by telephone and door to door. The criminals are very persuasive, and encourage victims to part with huge sums of cash.

They can pretend to be from the police, bank, HMRC or utility companies. A general rule of thumb is to remember these organisations already have all your details and do not need to ask for them; so do not give out any information.

Details of the different law enforcement methods were discussed, including local and national law enforcement. 'County Lines'

was explained, because it is drug related and on the increase.

Young and vulnerable people from other areas can be dropped into a new area to set up drug dealing and coerce children/youths and vulnerable adults into criminal activities. This is spreading all over the country and has reached Wales.

'Cuckooing' can also occur, when the criminals gain trust and take over someone's home and then operate their activities from a local property.

Local crime statistics were outlined and discussed; residents are encouraged to ring the police if suspicious activity is observed - 101 for non urgent issues and 999 for emergencies.

Questions from residents were dealt with during the talk as their questions arose. It was a very relaxed and informative evening of great value to residents who gained a lot from the advice they received. VOG Securities work in partnership with Safer Vale and Neighbourhood Watch and were available to give home security advice.

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## Barry disability group scores a 'grand' gift

**A BARRY group which provides specialist adaptive equipment so disabled children can enjoy sport has been handed a £1,000 boost.**

The Intersensory Club has been named as one of the first regional champions of Persimmon Homes' Building Futures programme in partnership with Team GB, the British Olympic Association. Persimmon is donating £32,000 a month across its 32 regional operating areas, aiming to support groups which work with under-18s across three categories: sports, education and arts, and health.

The Intersensory Club will use its £1,000 windfall to purchase a special needs tricycle.

Cliff Hayes of the club said: "We are thrilled to

have won this funding from Persimmon Homes. We are committed to providing specialist adaptive equipment for children and young people with severe disabilities. Accessing sport and leisure activities on a regular basis can improve general health and wellbeing and social inclusion.

"We have provided all-terrain beach wheelchairs at Barry Island as well as submersible pool wheelchairs for Cardiff International Pool and an adaptive cycling club in Barry, among other things. We're reliant on donations and gifts, so we're extremely grateful."

To find out more about or to apply Building Futures visit [www.persimmonhomes.com/building-futures](http://www.persimmonhomes.com/building-futures).

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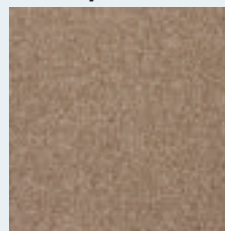
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## Neighbourhood Watch AGM

**THE Vale of Glamorgan Neighbourhood Watch Association is holding its AGM on Wednesday, May 8 at 6pm in the Emergency Services Centre on Port Road West in Barry.**

A spokesperson said: "We are very privileged this year to have John Hayward-Cripps, the CEO of the national Neighbourhood Watch network, as our keynote speaker. All co-ordinators and members are invited. Please put the date in your diary now."

## Quilters

**GLAMORGAN quilters are holding a workshop on May 10, delivered by famous quilter, Sandie Lush.**

If you want to learn more about quilting with a practical workshop, we have two spaces remaining at the workshop to be held at Ystradowen village hall. For more information, contact [salg96@btinternet.com](mailto:salg96@btinternet.com).



# Dementia friendly group visits Barry GP surgery



**Velindre fundraiser in Barry**  
THERE will be a Velindre fun night fundraiser in Barry Island Sports and Social Club at 7.30pm on Friday, April 26.

There will be a clairvoyant, bingo, raffles and more. Entry is £10, payable on the door or contact Gemma on 07986 986452 for a ticket.

All proceeds go to Velindre Cancer Centre In Cardiff.

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Members of staff of the Practice of Health GP Surgery Barry holding their Dementia Friendly Barry pledge certificate.

THE Practice of Health GP surgery, Barry Road, Barry, attended a dementia awareness session given by an Alzheimer's Society trained volunteer dementia champion.

The practice manager said about the session: "The session gave us lots to think about when we see patients living with dementia and what other options/ideas are

available that we can share with the patient and their families."

Jane Weldon, the chair of Dementia friendly Barry, said: "The surgery is the first in Barry to join Dementia Friendly Barry's initiative. I was also delighted this week to give a dementia awareness session to volunteers at Barry Central library and Wenvoe library.

"The Alzheimer's Society dementia champions have awareness

sessions which are suitable for ages from eight upwards, and for all types of group, schools and businesses.

"If you are in Barry and would like to know how you can become involved in your dementia friendly community, please email me at [dementiafriendlybarry@outlook.com](mailto:dementiafriendlybarry@outlook.com) or visit our website at [www.dementiafriendlyvale.co.uk](http://www.dementiafriendlyvale.co.uk)"

# Rotary Club and Soroptimists gear up for busy season



Pictured (from left to right) Barry Rotary president Jill Osborne, secretary Ann Harrhy, Barry & Vale Soroptimist president Mary Tonabene, Barry Rotarian Judith Hunt and Soroptimist Jackie Memory (seated).

**EIGHT members of the Barry and District Soroptimists were among the guests at a recent dinner meeting of the Rotary Club of Barry, CAVC's Glamorgan Suite on Colcot Road.**

During the evening, Barry Rotary Club member Judith Hunt presented the Soroptimists with used postage stamps, on behalf of the Rotary Club, which will be used to support Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Rotary Club of Barry will be supporting the 10th Barry Brownies and Rainbows on Sunday, April 28

at 3pm at Pebble Beach on The Knap with their litter picking afternoon to improve our local environment.

Soroptimists will have a stall at the Rotary Club's charity duck race and summer fete in the Knap Gardens on Saturday, July 20 and full details of the event will be announced after Easter.

For further information on Rotary Club of Barry, come and chat to us at the litter picking event at The Knap on April 28 or see the Rotary Club of Barry's Facebook page. For further information on Soroptimists, go to [sigbi.org/barryanddistrict](http://sigbi.org/barryanddistrict).

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## Easter coffee morning helps raise sash for Barnardo's

ON April 17, the Barry Barnardo's Helper Group held an Easter celebration of coffee and hot cross buns at the home of committee member, Iris Williams.

More than £250 was raised at the event which was an enjoyable and successful morning.

Thank you to all who came and supported the event. All cash raised will be used to support Barnardo's projects in Wales.

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### Rhose Bingo afternoon

THE management committee of Rhose Community Hall in Stewart Road are holding their monthly Bingo afternoon on Saturday, April 27.

Doors open at 1.45pm for a prompt start at 2.30pm. Light refreshments will be provided at the half time break together with the usual large raffle. Come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon.

### Jane Hutt AM surgery

JANE Hutt AM will hold an advice surgery at Murchfield Hall, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys CF64 4QQ on Friday, April 26 from 4pm - 5pm. No appointment necessary.



## Chance to get involved in third sector project



GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) has received funding from the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board for a one-year project to map the community groups, organisations and activities/services that are in the western Vale.

The project aims to support any emerging health and wellbeing networks and to organise an event where local groups and services can come together to meet and discuss future options.

This event could potentially help any small community group gain information about the activities/services in their local area and assist them to develop partnerships with local providers.

If you would like to get involved or can offer any information about community groups or organisations in the western Vale please contact Lani Tucker (pictured), Third Sector Locality Officer, Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS); 01446 741706; E-mail: mapping@gvs.wales; Website: www.gvs.wales.

# The Vale Council introduces new school admissions policy

THE way the Vale Council decides which children get places in the most oversubscribed secondary schools is changing.

The authority is bringing in a new policy despite some opposition from parents.

Under the new rules, children who live in a school's catchment area will have priority when secondaries are oversubscribed.

At the moment, secondary school places are allocated to children who go to specific primary schools - known as feeder schools - but this is being removed as a way of selecting pupils at oversubscribed secondaries.

The council says this change will mean children who move into the area at a late stage "are not unduly disadvantaged".

The Vale Cabinet approved the plans on April 15 despite 198 parents opposing the move; 105

parents told a consultation they were in favour of the change. The parents of 9,820 children were consulted by the council.

Parents who voiced objections feared children affected by the proposal will not be able to attend a secondary school along with their friends from a feeder primary school.

The council said the proposed changes will not mean that children living outside a secondary school's catchment area will not be able to apply for a place. It says 90 per cent of parents on average each year receive the offer of a place at their first choice of school.

A council report says: "Transferring to secondary school is a significant event in a child's life and schools are very experienced in offering pupils

support as part of this process.

"Part of this transition is the opportunity to make new friends and have different experiences. Transition from primary to secondary often means new friendship groups are formed, even if attending a secondary school with a high number of peers from their primary school.

"Support and resources would continue to be offered by school and council transition support staff in order to assist in this process."

The council also says the admission arrangements would prioritise those with a sibling already at the secondary school higher than is the case currently.

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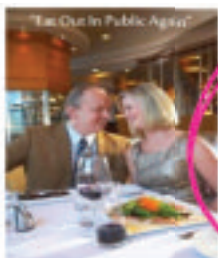
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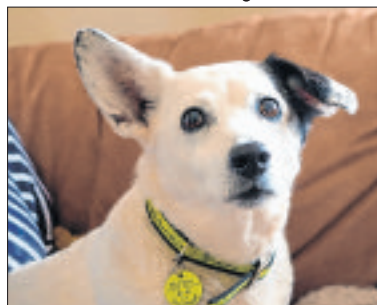
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## Can you offer a 'retirement home' for Tilly?



**STAFF at Dogs Trust Bridgend are appealing for a home for their oldest resident, who is the human equivalent of 98 years old.**

Taking the accolade is Tilly who, at 14 years old, found herself in the care of the Pen-y-Fai rehoming centre in February after her owners were no longer able to care for her. She is currently receiving lots of love and care in a foster home through the charity's 'Home From Home' scheme but would love a home to call her own.

Well above the four-year-old average for a dog in Dogs Trust's care, Tilly is now keeping her paws crossed to find a new home for her retirement years. But staff say the terrier still has a lot of love to give and is a sweet older lady.

Angela Wetherall, Dogs Trust Bridgend's manager, said: "It's especially sad when older dogs come to us but Tilly really deserves to find her special someone. Sometimes older dogs spend a longer time with us than their younger counterparts, but there are so many advantages to having an older dog."

"They tend to need less exercise and most, like Tilly, are used to

living in a home. With age on their side their personality is already shaped.

"Tilly is friendly with everyone she meets. She loves pottering about on walks and carrying her toys around the garden. She would like to be the only pet in the home and could be left alone for a short time once she has settled in. We would like to hear from potential new owners who can offer Tilly a cosy bed where she can put her paws up and enjoy her retirement."

The rehoming centre often gets older dogs in their care and is currently home to six mature dogs who are over the age of eight. They are keen to encourage people to consider the advantages of owning an older dog, which include being house-trained, and not having those mischievous puppy behaviours!

Dogs Trust has lots of information and support available for anyone thinking of adopting an older dog at [www.dogstrust.org.uk/help-advice/factsheets-downloads](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk/help-advice/factsheets-downloads). If you think Tilly is your perfect canine companion, please call 01656 338 745 to find out more.

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## 'Welsh businesses need more help on rate relief'

**LOCAL MP Alun Cairns has written to traders in the Vale to say he is disappointed the Welsh business rate relief scheme falls short of that offered in England and that he will continue to challenge the Welsh Government on it.**

Mr Cairns claims the Welsh Government's increase in business rates for the financial year 2019/20 will cost many traders thousands of pounds more than their counterparts in England.

He says figures show that under this year's rate relief schemes, a business with a rateable value of £12,000 will pay at least £3,260 more in Wales than in England.

The Welsh Government told The GEM this week that its retail rates relief scheme would help 15,000 businesses in the financial year 2019-20.

Mr Cairns said he wants the Welsh Government to reduce the multiplier it uses to calculate rates and to implement the same rate relief as England.

He said that this year, the Welsh Government had increased the multiplier from 0.514 last year to 0.526. In contrast, the UK Government uses a figure of

0.48 for small businesses, which means that the baseline calculation of business rates is lower in England than in Wales before any rate reductions are taken into consideration.

The Welsh Government has introduced a discretionary business rate relief scheme which provides £2,500 of relief for businesses with a rateable value between £9,100 and £50,000. Those with a rateable value under £9,100 will not pay anything.

Under the UK Government's rates relief scheme, businesses with a rateable value over £12,000 and up to £50,000 will receive at least a third cut in their rates. Those with a rateable value under £12,000 are exempt from paying rates.

Mr Cairns said Welsh Government has been given the funding by Westminster to implement the same rate relief in Wales as in England.

He said: "I am incredibly disappointed that the Welsh Government is setting business rates at a higher level than in England, meaning Welsh traders are worse off."

"This is even before we factor in their failure to match the level of rate relief offered by the UK

Government to traders in England, despite receiving the funding to do so. The Welsh Labour Government continue to impose the most expensive business rates anywhere in Great Britain, leaving many businesses in Wales thousands of pounds worse off."

A Welsh Government spokeswoman said it was committed to providing support for small and medium sized Welsh businesses.

She said: "The tax-base in Wales is different to that in England and our rates and relief system should reflect the unique circumstances of Wales."

"We are committed to supporting businesses in Wales. We have provided an extra £23.6m of support through the high street and retail rates relief scheme to help around 15,000 small and medium-sized retail businesses pay their rates bills in 2019-20."

"This is in addition to the £210m we provide every year to support businesses and other rate-payers with their non-domestic rates bills."

She emphasised: "More than three-quarters of ratepayers in Wales receive support and more than half of businesses pay no rates at all."

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## Council considers cuts to school bus services

**PLANS to cut funding to 15 school bus services in the Vale will be put before the public.**

A consultation has been launched on withdrawing funding for the Vale's fare-paying school bus services as the council plans spending cuts.

The bus services, which are used by about 400 pupils, mainly serve schools in Barry and Penarth, with a few serving rural areas of the Vale.

The Vale Council says free school transport will still be provided to pupils who live far enough away from their school to be entitled to it.

But there are more than 300 pupils who are not entitled to free transport who pay to use the fare-paying services and would have to find another way to get to school if the routes are withdrawn.

Operators would be able to run the bus routes on a commercial basis - but they have indicated there could be a rise in fares.

The services that would be affected are:

351 - St Athan Primary School  
P122 - Llangan Primary School  
P125 - Ysgol Sant Curig & Ysgol Sant Baruc  
P132 - Ysgol Pen Y Garth  
P133 - St Josephs R/C Primary School

P135 - St Andrews Major C/W Primary School  
P138 - St Illtyd Primary School  
P139 - Ysgol Pen Y Garth  
P97 - Llansannor C/W Primary School

S10 - Pencoedre & Whitmore High School / Ysgol Bro Morgannwg  
S14 - Pencoedre & Whitmore High School  
S2 - Whitmore High School & Ysgol Bro Morgannwg  
S49 - St Richard Gwyn R/C Secondary School

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S53 - St Richard Gwyn R/C Secondary School

The Welsh Government says free school transport has to be offered to primary pupils who live two miles or more from their local school and secondary pupils who live three miles or more from their catchment area school.

The Vale Council says the proposed funding cuts would not affect

pupils eligible for free transport services, or children with additional learning needs who are eligible for free transport.

A statement on the council's website says: "The Vale Council will continue to provide statutory free school transport to those pupils who qualify on distance/unavailable walking route grounds who are currently allocated to a fare-paying school transport service."

"If the fare-paying element is removed it may mean pupils who are eligible for free school transport will be collected in smaller vehicles."

Surveys taken in the 2017-18 academic year showed 324 pupils who do not qualify for free transport pay to use these fare-paying school services, while another 81 pupils have been given passes to use these buses free of charge as they do qualify for free school transport.

The surveys showed 55 per cent of the bus service 724's available seats are used.

Talks between the council and the current operators have identified just three services out of the 15 which could be commercially viable with fare increases.

Three services were considered potentially viable - the S10 for Pencoedre High School, Whitmore High School and Ysgol Bro Morgannwg, the S14 for Pencoedre High School and Whitmore High School and the S49 for St Richard Gwyn RC High School.

Last year the council subsidised fare paying school transport services by more than £180,000.

If the funding for these services is withdrawn, £57,000 of the money saved would go towards providing free transport to eligible pupils who used them.

The council is looking to cut £3.7m across its service areas in 2019-20.

If the council goes ahead with the plans the funding for these services would be withdrawn from July 31 - after a re-tendering of all school services in April and May.

A consultation will run on the council's website until May 28.

**Matt Discombe**  
Local democracy reporter

## Colleagues honour south Wales GP



**DR Hasmukh Shah is a fundraising board member of the Vale for Africa charity, and a GP working in south Wales who was awarded the British Empire Medal from the Queen at her birthday honour's list in June 2018.**

In acknowledgement of the

award, Dr Shah was invited to London by the Royal College of General Practitioners to be honoured at an Acclamation Dinner last month, where he was congratulated by the president of the Royal College of General Practitioners, Professor Mayur Lakhani CBE and his fellow GPs for services to the community and for his charitable work.

While thanking his colleagues and the college, Dr Shah said it was a rare honour to be acclaimed by his peers and resolved to dedicate himself to the community and charitable work.

The Royal College of General Practitioners represents 52,000 GPs across the whole of the United Kingdom.

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### ATODLEN 2

**Location:** Y rhan o'r B4270 Llantwit Major Road o'r gyffordd â Cross Inn i'r gyffordd â Geraint's Way.

**Reason:** Mae'r cyfyngiad yn cael ei weithredu i alluogi gosodiad ffordd newydd a gwaith ar gyffordd.

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### SCHEDULE 2

**Location:** The section of B4270 Llantwit Major Road from the junction with the Cross Inn to the junction at Geraint's Way.

**Reason:** The restriction is being implemented to allow new road layout and junction works to take place.

**Duration:** From 9.00am on Tuesday 7th May 2019 for a maximum period of 18 months.

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## Tango in the night for WI members



THE sights, tastes and sounds of Argentina were brought nearer to home this month when the public affairs committee of Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes held an evening to explore some of the country's history and customs.

Members met in Cefn Cribbw and Sian Garfield, who introduced the evening, said that they were going to experience Argentina through "Three Ts" - Taste, Talk and Tango!

The Taste was provided by Mr Andrew Norton from Majestic Wines, who provided five wines and explained about grape varieties and the viniculture involved in producing good quality wines.

The Talk was given by Megan Powell-Williams who gave a very interesting talk about the Welsh link with Patagonia both past and present. She gave an insight into what it is like to live in a community where the two languages are Welsh and Spanish.

The Tango was demonstrated by Chris and Alison of Urban Tango of Swansea. They encouraged everyone to take part in learning the basics of the dance and by the end of the evening some members would no doubt have scored a 10 from all the judges on Strictly!

Refreshments were delicious Argentinian empanadas. Everyone got into the spirit of the evening and there was a lot of fun and laughter.



Staff and cadets ready to begin the day. Photo by Sqn Ldr Jeremiah.

## Cadets help at South Wales Aviation Museum opening

ON April 20, the South Wales Aviation Museum opened on the Picketston site, formerly part of RAF St Athan.

Thanks to the hard work of Flt Sgt Richard Peckham, RAFAC cadets from five squadrons, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend, Llŵchr, Port Talbot and Pencoed attended and assisted directing traffic and car parking.

Many of the visitors, trustees and volunteers of the museum praised the cadets for their work and

courtesy during the day, which proved to be one of the hottest this year.

Thanks also go to the adult staff from the squadrons who attended with the cadets, Squadron Leader Lyn Jeremiah RAFAC, Flying Officer Sian Gebel RAFAC, Flight Sergeant Adam Burman RAFAC and civilian instructor Chrissie Littlejohns.

Flt Sgt R Peckham is also a volunteer at the museum and hopes to arrange further work days and visits in the future.

## Fitness groups' collection for Easter surpassed expectations

MEMBERS of Brawd Men's Health and Ms Fit Women's Health over the last few years have organised an Easter Egg collection to make those less fortunate smile.

This year, the event was organised by Jamie Everitt and Andrew Harris, who aimed to collect more eggs than ever, with a target of 222 eggs.

Expectations were exceeded and they collected an incredible 1,000 eggs which were then donated to Ty Hafan, Llamau and Noah's Ark

Children's Hospital.

Andrew said: "The event was a real success and we would like to give a massive thank you to everyone who supported us. In particular, special thanks go to a organisations that were incredibly generous - Atlantic Way Cross Fit, Anturio Adventure, St Cyres School, A Space in the City, South Wales Police, British Telecom and Go Direct School of Motoring.

"Diolch to our amazing volunteer ambassadors, Jamie and Andrew, for collecting a cracking amount of Easter Eggs for the young people, women and families we support!"



## 'Muffin has a great temperament'



MUFFIN is a beautiful six-year-old Akita cross German Shepherd, and is this week's 'Dog of the Week' from Bridgend Dogs Trust.

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Canine carer Hannah says "Muffin is a wonderful girl who is looking for a committed and loving home."

For more information on Muffin, please visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; or give us call on 01656 725219. You can also visit our website at [www.dogs-trust.org.uk](http://www.dogs-trust.org.uk).

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For more information or for a free consultation, please contact Charlotte via email at [charlottewilkey@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charlottewilkey@yahoo.co.uk) or visit her website: [charlottewilkeycaci.co.uk](http://charlottewilkeycaci.co.uk).

## Council to fund two organisations

THE Vale Council has agreed to provide further financial backing - totalling more than £700,000 over the next three years - for two organisations offering support and advice to residents.

Citizens Advice Bureau will receive £154,000 annually, while Glamorgan Voluntary Service (GVS) has been awarded £95,530 per year.

Despite increasing financial pressures, this is the same level of funding each organisation received from the Council in 2018/19.

Citizens Advice Bureau offer a range of services to residents, including information about benefits and tax credits, consumer goods and services, debt management, housing, relationships and family.

Glamorgan Voluntary Services help to improve

the quality of life of people and communities by supporting volunteers, volunteering opportunities and voluntary groups.

A one-stop shop for the voluntary sector, GVS provides information, advice and guidance on all aspects of volunteering for both volunteers and recruiting organisations.

Cllr Ben Gray, Vale Council cabinet member for social care, health and leisure, said: "As a council, we are committed to providing and supporting services that are of real benefit to our residents. The work of both Citizens Advice Bureau and Glamorgan Voluntary Service help countless people throughout the Vale."

"We hope the significant sums the Council have pledged to them over the next few years will help that important work continue."

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# Call for lesson to be learned after great grandmother's hospital death

**A GREAT grandmother spent her final days in hospital in "severe pain" after falling and breaking her pelvis, which her family claim was not X-rayed for two days.**

Jean Amesbury suffered at least five falls

in a five-week stay at Llandough Hospital, Penarth, between March and April last year, her family say.

She broke her pelvis in her last fall at the hospital, but Jean's family say it took two days for an X-ray to take place and for doctors to discover this.

Jean died just days later, aged 81. Her family say she was in severe pain on the ward and not regularly attended to in the final days of her life.

Her family is now calling for lessons to be learned from her death after it emerged patients are suffering serious falls and in some cases, dying from their injuries at Cardiff and Vale hospitals.

Jean's widower Gordon Amesbury (87),

**10th anniversary of Barry's Friendship Tree Festival**

ART4U is set to hold its tenth annual Friendship Tree Festival on Sunday, June 22.

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who lives in Rumney, Cardiff, said the hospital had "neglected" his wife of 63 years and hopes the same will not happen to other patients.

He said: "When Jean went into Llandough there was so much neglect. She had so many falls while she was in there. Jean is dead - we're not going to get her back all of a sudden. I'm so upset because she was my mate. But she should not have gone the way she did."

"All I'm concerned about is the neglect that happened to my wife and I don't want it to happen to others. They have to put it right."

Jean, who had two daughters, three granddaughters and two great-grandsons, died in Llandough on April 20, 2018.

Her death certificate records

bronchopneumonia, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and a pelvic fracture as the causes of her death.

Jean's family has raised concerns about how she had been supervised when she was in hospital and say she also fell in the toilet while she was unattended. In another incident, her granddaughter found her on the floor by the side of the bed.

The health board met Jean's family and agreed a number of changes, such as all falls being investigated thoroughly and staff being reminded to respond to patients in a timely manner.

In a resolution meeting between Jean's family, lead nurses and ward managers, the health board also resolved to introduce use of high-low beds, review patients care plans following any fall, ensure pain charts

are up to date and a change to staffing levels in acute care.

Because of this meeting, the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales decided not to investigate the case further.

Between November and December last year, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, which also manages University Hospital Wales, reported seven falls where patients suffered serious injury - two of whom died.

Of the 4,960 falls reported between November 2017 and

December 2018, 95 per cent resulted in no harm, or minor harm.

A spokeswoman for Cardiff and Vale University Health Board said: "We understand this has been a very sad and difficult time for Mr and Mrs Amesbury. Following our investigation, we have put an improvement plan in place which we will be sharing an updated version with Mr and Mrs Amesbury to show progress in how the health board is addressing issues of concern and to prevent anyone else coming to harm."

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## Student Jasmin gets graphic design gig at arts festival

**DESPITE only starting a graphic communications foundation degree course in September, Cardiff and Vale College student Jasmin Choy has already found work as a graphic designer.**

Jasmin has been taken on as an intern at youth arts festival RawFest. Planned and programmed by young people for young people, RawFest will take place at the Wales Millennium Centre from April 25-28.

The organisers of the festival contacted CAVC, asking for graphic communications learners; Jasmin applied and got the internship.

Her role will include creating the RawFest souvenir programme as well as leaflets, posters and banners. Jasmin, from Bridgend said: "I only moved from Newcastle to do this foundation degree in graphic communication a couple of months ago and now I'm actually working in it."

"I was doing an apprenticeship in cyber security, but I was doing illustration and graphics in my spare time and I decided I enjoyed doing that more. I didn't have the UCAS points for university, so this foundation course was great for me."

"We are given briefs, but we have the freedom to be creative with those briefs. I'm gaining skills that are industry standard which I wouldn't get if I was still doing this on my own."



Jasmin Choy.

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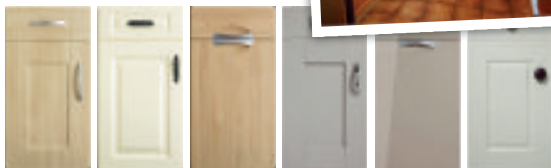
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# Helen is hitting her ambitious target in weight loss journey

**HELEN Waite is celebrating after hitting her target weight with Slimming World after losing seven stone and 3-and-a-half pounds.**

Helen who runs groups in Rhose, Llantwit Major and St Athan knows only too well what it is like to struggle with weight issues.

She said: "I started to gain weight at the age of 10 and by the time I started high school the weight was starting to pile on."

Helen remembers the torment of other children in school calling her names because of her weight, and also being so unfit due to her size, being laughed at in PE especially the running activities where she would always be last.

Helen said: "It's incredible that even 25 years later all this is still in the back of your mind. It inspired me enter the Cardiff Half Marathon, I

started training in the school summer holidays starting with the couch to 5k, and only two weeks before the half-marathon I had only got up to 10k. I was so nervous about competing that I wondered if it was the right thing to do.

"Once the day came, I thought 'I can only do what I can'. The thing that kept me going was the comments people made all those years ago, this was my time to prove them wrong and I did it!"

"It maybe wasn't the fastest time, but I completed the 13.1 miles." Helen originally lost seven stone to get married in 2004 but after having children started to struggle again: "After my pregnancies, I gained about four stone and struggled to lose weight again, losing and gaining the same stone.

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**\*SEE ADVERT ON PAGE 16.**



**ABOVE LEFT: Helen before, and ABOVE RIGHT: Helen after.**

## Dragged Across Concrete is a 'dark, minor key triumph'...

**S. Craig Zahler may only be three films into his career, but already he has shown he is an idiosyncratic, single-minded and bold filmmaker.**

His debut, *Bone Tomahawk*, was Western by way of cannibalistic horror, while *Brawl In Cell Block 99* took the prison movie genre and dosed it with geroids, creating an unflinching and brutal piece of work.

His third film sees him re-team with the star of ... *Cell Block 99*, Vince Vaughn, in *Dragged Across Concrete*. Vaughn and Mel Gibson (something of a controversy magnet himself) star as two police detectives, Lurasetti and Ridgeman, who are suspended for their over-zealous behaviour.

When the pair decide to chase down compensation for their efforts, they find themselves deep in the criminal underworld where they are targets for no end of unsavoury characters...

The set-up for *Dragged Across Concrete* is one that has become a little over-familiar in recent years (police officers go rogue) and one that, on face value, doesn't seem to deserve a runtime of 159 minutes either.

However, the assured touch of writer/director Zahler takes what may have been cliché and portentous and turns in a piece of work that is gripping, compelling,

sometimes ethereal and captivating.

There's more to the set-up than meets the eye – the film opens with the release from prison of Henry (Tory Kittles), whose involvement in the story doesn't really kick in until the second half where he proves to be a key component.

It is only after we've met Henry that we are introduced to the characters of Ridgeman and Lurasetti, and how a little heavy-handed arrest soon spirals out of control when social media gets involved (there is something uncomfortable yet hugely watchable seeing Mel Gibson debate the ethics of the media exposing people's intolerance given his run-ins of the past few years).

So what follows is a typical story strand – both detectives can't afford to be suspended without pay, Ridgeman due to the area he lives in and his sick wife, Lurasetti because of fears his girlfriend may think him beneath her – and they take action.

What Zahler does, both in the director's chair and with the script, is take his time to tell the story – there are plenty of two-handed scenes where characters interact, and the Zahler never feels the need to rush these, his camera a bystander to proceedings. He ups the pace when he needs to, yet also luxuriates in the performances, which are all excellent.

Gibson does the



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grizzled police officer routine incredibly well, a man with the weight of the world on his shoulders and trying to do the best thing for his family, and it's a turn that reminds you that beneath the controversy, he's an actor whose age is becoming a useful tool.

Vaughn (who was directed so memorably by Zahler in *Brawl In Cell Block 99*) is incredibly dialled down; smart yet not smarmy, his character is equally well-drawn and Vaughn responds with an incredibly watchable performance, his reluctant involvement in the escapade set up by Ridgeman a constant in the pair's relationship.

Tory Kittles is the film's hidden attraction – as the recently-released Henry he is in very much the same situation as Ridgeman and Lurasetti, yet on the other side of the law. However, Kittles' compelling turn, almost

playing the moral compass of the film, is beautifully understated and powerfully portrayed.

If Zahler's first two films have shown his skills as a writer and director working within genre confines and twisting them, then this is his tour de force so far.

The dialogue is crisp, economical and drives the plot forward, while there are some wonderful little touches he uses that sometimes deviate from the story yet hold your attention (a subplot with Jennifer Carpenter's new mother struggling to return to work is exceptional).

Visually, he works within genre rules, yet the direction has a woody feel to it that gives it a different, and hugely satisfying, feel.

It's a film of rare power, one that never puts its pedal to the floor but it doesn't need to – it knows that the characters, performances, dialogue and direction will hold you rapt throughout. As such, *Dragged Across Concrete* is one of the most quietly engrossing and pleasing films of the year.

**VERDICT:** S. Craig Zahler's third film is also his best yet, *Dragged Across Concrete* a dark, minor key triumph. His plotting and dialogue are pitch-perfect and he draws incredible performances from the whole cast, in particular Mel Gibson, Vince Vaughn and Tory Kittles. What could have fallen into cliché and over-familiarity instead feels exceptionally vital.

**Essential viewing.**

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# Out & About with The GEM

## What's on, and where in your area?

**Railway society**  
THE next lecture at the Barry and Penarth Railway Society will take place on Thursday, April 25 at Penarth Conservative Club, CF64 2EZ starting at 7.30pm.

Nick Wilcock will present 'Travels With My Camera - Photos of railways today'. Refreshments are available; bring a friend!

**The best plant sale of the year!**

ON Saturday, April 27 the annual Cowbridge Physic Garden Plant Sale takes place in Old Hall Gardens, starting at 10am.

With plants nurtured by the expert volunteers at the Physic Garden plus a number of professional nurseries

from as far afield as the West Country and west Wales, this is regarded as a highlight in every gardener's calendar. With exceptionally good prices for the plants on offer, it's a horticultural event not to be missed!

**Remembering the Friendly Invasion**  
THIS year's spring Model Day at Barry War Museum is on Sunday, April 28.

It remembers the arrival of American troops in Barry in preparation for the D Day landings that took place in June 1944. The model show will display various D Day-related models such as aircraft, armoured vehicles and tanks. There will also be a talk by museum chairman, Glenn Booker, on

the arrival of American troops in 1943.

Other items on show will be a selection of space-related models commemorating 50 years since the Apollo 11 moon landing. The national charity 'Models for Heroes' will be attending the show. Models and modelling equipment will be available from Dragon Badger Models. The event begins at 10am, the talk takes place at 2.30pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

**Free tax advice**  
ARE you worried about your tax affairs?

Age Connects Cardiff & Vale Senior Health Shop run a free monthly tax advice surgery which is available to anyone

over the age of 50. A session will be held on Monday, April 29 from 9.30am - 11.30am; advice is free and no appointment is needed.

You will be able to get advice from retired tax professional. Call 01446 732385 for further information; home visits can be arranged if needed.

**Stroke Club**

AGE Connects Cardiff and Vale are running a drop-in monthly Stroke Club in the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

Get help with services available in the Vale to help you cope with the aftermath of having a stroke, and chat to others over a cuppa. The May session in line with Stroke Awareness Month will be held on Thursday, May 2 from 10am to 12pm. Why not just come along? Call 01446 732385 for further information.

**PACT meetings**  
Why not come along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

Meet Your local officer at Penarth Library, Stanwell Road, Penarth on Thursday, May 9 between 5.30pm and 6.30pm.

A police surgery will be held at Llantwit Major Library, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major on Tuesday, May 7 between 10.30am and 11.30am.

**KPC charity golf event seeks golfers!**  
KPC Youth & Community are holding their annual charity Golf Day on Friday, June 21 at the Grove

**Golf Club, Porthcawl.**

Team entry for teams of four is £165 per team (or discounted Early Bird entry of £145 if submitted by April 30). Entry includes coffee on arrival, golf fees and a buffet meal following the round of golf, and to be part of our prize presentation. We still have slots available - so please come along for a great day's golf and the chance to support a local charity!

Sponsorship is also sought for raffle/auction prizes or £50 to sponsor a hole - if you can support us that would be really appreciated.

For team entry forms/more details contact Alison on 01656 749219; info@kpcyouth.com.

**Bridgend PACT**  
OLDCASTLE PACT at The Library, Brynteg Comprehensive School on Thursday, May 2 at 6pm.

MORFA TOWN PACT at Penybont Junior School, Minerva Street, Bridgend on Thursday, May 9 at 6pm.

CEFN GLAS, LLANGEWYDD & BRYNHAFRYD PACT at Westward Community Centre on Monday, May 19 at 7pm.

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## 70 voices will raise the roof in charity concert

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Special guests this year will be Vox in Frox, an award-winning choir from Chew Magna. The glamorous ladies of Vox have won prizes at many choral festivals including Cheltenham and Llangollen, and together with Vale Voices, the combined chorus of 70 singers will raise the roof with their joint rendition of the Hallelujah chorus.

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## All the fun of the (May) Fair at Cowbridge

**A MASSIVE community event is all set up for Monday, May 6 at Cowbridge on the Bear Field, writes Philip Irwin.**

Organised by Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club, the Cowbridge May Fair is becoming a regular fixture in the calendar, offering a full day out for the family.

It takes place every other year in Cowbridge, and the Lions organise a similar event on the alternate years in Llantwit, usually in June.

A Lions' spokesman told The GEM: "Since we started the May Fair, the aim has been to recapture the elements of a traditional rural fair, with Maypole dancing, children's races, children's art competitions, fairground attractions and even a tug of war!"

"As in previous years, there will be musical performances from the main stage throughout the day, and there will be a wide range of stalls around the field, selling food, arts and crafts, produce, refreshments and much more."

There will be an all day children's soft play area and face painting in the Leisure Centre and this year, the event is bringing something new to the table - Cowbridge's own take on the Pamplona Bull Run, organised by Cowbridge Chamber of Trade with prizes donated by Bar 44.

A Lions spokesman emphasised to The GEM that the proposed running order for the day could be subject to alteration, but it is planned that the day will begin at 10am, when the gates open and the acts scheduled for the main stage will start performing.

The various stalls (about 50 at the time of going to press) will also aim to be

up-and-running at 10am, and the funfair and Maypole dancing will start at 10am too.

The official opening of the May Fair will be performed by the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Cllr Terry Williams, accompanied by the Town Crier at 10.45am.

The Children's Art Competition will open at 10am and close at 2pm in a designated gazebo.

There will be three age groups: Three to five; six to nine; and 10 to 12.

The youngest group will colour in a photocopy of a picture with felt tip pens, while the older groups will paint a designated subject on a blank sheet.

Completed entries will be hung around the gazebo awaiting judging by members of the Cowbridge Art Society.

The Tug of War competition will also start at 2pm.

At 3pm, a number of children's races will start, although it is advisable for parents to check the programme on the day. Local shops are donating prizes.

As the day closes, the new 'Bull Run' is scheduled for 4pm, with local people invited to don their bull's horns and run the gauntlet of local children armed with ripe tomatoes.

Once again, it is advised that prospective entrants check details of the run earlier in the day with the organisers.

However, it should provide an exciting

climax to the day, before the event closes at 5pm.

There will be acts on stage throughout the day, although circumstances may mean some changes to the running order.

The full stage programme at the time of going to press is:

• 10.15am - 10.35 - Pendoylan C/W Primary School.

• 10.50am - 11.15 - With Music in Mind.

• 11.30am - 11.55 - Ukulele Group.

• 12.15pm - 12.45 - Rock Choir.

• 1.00pm - 1.20 - Total CAOS.

• 1.30pm - 1.55 - Gareth and Caitlin.

• 2.10pm - 2.30 - Little Strings.

• 2.45pm - 3.10 - Luke James.

• 4pm - finish - Cobalt.

The local fire service has said that a fire engine will be at the event (call-outs permitting), and it is hoped to put on a demonstration.

The spokesman added: "A programme for the day will be given out at the entry gates. Entry is free but a donation to Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions Club Charitable Trust Fund, which benefits local good causes and Lions projects, would be much appreciated."



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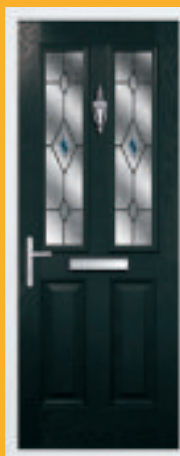
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# What Kirsty said about Llancarfan school – AM and Vale Council at loggerheads

**RHOOSE councillor and South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has claimed that alternative plans to secure the future of Llancarfan Primary School can be brought forward, following Welsh Government clarification on the funding options available.**

However, a Vale Council spokesperson disagreed with Mr Davies over his interpretation of this clarification.

The council plans to close the school and move it to a new site in Rhoose four miles away, a move the council claims is necessary to access funds under the 21st Century Schools Programme. Building Bulletin 99 is the national framework for primary school building projects, which sets out minimum criteria for site area and building space.

The council claims that neither Llancarfan Primary School nor Rhws Primary School

satisfy these criteria, and so neither site would qualify for funding. But in response to a Written Assembly Question from Mr Davies, Education Minister Kirsty Williams said that Welsh Government contributions under the scheme are "normally based on the costs of the building to the maximum of the building bulletin size range", but "the decision on school size ultimately rests with the local authority, and can be affected by local policy and funding arrangements".

Following this, Mr Davies called on the council to halt the process, and explore an alternative application to develop the existing schools in Rhoose and Llancarfan. Mr Davies said: "The council has long claimed there is no business case to keep Llancarfan Primary School in Llancarfan, on the basis the existing site would not qualify for 21st Century Schools funding."

"But the Minister's comments fatally undermine this, making clear the local authority has discretion when it

comes to building size, and that the guidance is not mandatory. It is therefore perfectly feasible that funding could be provided to develop the existing schools in Llancarfan and Rhoose.

"The council should submit an application for this to the Welsh Government, who have an interest in protecting the Vale's only formally designated rural school. In the meantime, the plans to close the school should be scrapped while all effort is put into trying to save the existing school in Llancarfan."

A Vale Council spokesperson said: "The council has developed a scheme to deliver a new school building, which will not only provide for pupils from new housing developments

in Rhoose but will also address the high number of surplus school places at Llancarfan, which is set to continue as the birth rate in the school's catchment area falls.

"Andrew RT Davies' suggestion that the council invests in two existing school buildings to provide additional school places doesn't make sense. The solution we have come up with will ensure pupils in the Vale can benefit from the very best facilities possible.

"It is disappointing that Mr Davies has chosen to only partially share Kirsty Williams' response, in which she is clear that Welsh Government require councils to meet the Building Bulletin 99 regulations when applying for Welsh Government funding."

## MP has extra incentive to finish marathon



Alun Cairns MP in training for the London Marathon, alongside Guide Dogs Cymru engagement manager, Andrea Gordon and her guide dog Kayley.

**VALE MP Alun Cairns, who is running the London Marathon for the eighth time, will be given the honour of naming a guide dog puppy if he raises £2,500 in sponsorship for the Guide Dogs charity.**

If he doubles that to £5,000 he will get to meet the puppy and follow its progress as it trains to become a fully-fledged guide dog. Mr Cairns has been a strong supporter of Guide Dogs throughout his time as Vale MP.

Last year, he undertook a blindfold walk in Dinas Powys to experience at first hand the dangers posed by vehicles parked on pavements. He also took a blindfold bus ride to promote the charity's campaign for audible announcements on buses,

and highlighted the plight of assistance dog owners who are illegally refused access to taxis.

The charity was delighted when the MP named Guide Dogs as one of two charities to benefit from his run this year, alongside the Dementia Revolution. Andrea Gordon, engagement manager for Guide Dogs Cymru said: "Alun has always been proactive in his support for our charity and understands the problems faced by people who are blind or partially sighted. A guide dog brings independence, confidence and mobility, and can really change your life."

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## Jam Fund's 'thank you' to fundraisers



Mason Reynolds.

**PAUL Adamson has thanked Tesco in Quedgeley, near Gloucester, for running a fundraiser for the Jam Fund.**

The charity recently helped three-year-old Mason Reynolds from Gloucester who was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia, and his grandmother Maureen Reynolds was so grateful she helped organise the event.

Paul said: "I want to thank Maureen, Theresa Fisher, the staff at Tesco and the ladies at the local Knit and Natter group who collectively raised £850 for the Jam Fund. They also raised £50 for gifts for Mason. The ladies at Knit and Natter raised £500 from selling items they had made."

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# Hundreds back Barry mum's education petition

**A Barry mum's online petition demanding better funding for Vale schools has been signed by more than 800 people.**

Mum of two Lucy Jones put the petition called 'Match school funding to national average in the Vale of Glamorgan' on Change.org and within days it had attracted hundreds of supporters.

She said: "Our schools are funded significantly under the national average, and the basics required to give our children the education they deserve are compromised."

"The Vale of Glamorgan receives £606 less per pupil than the Welsh average and £1,360 less per pupil than the highest-funded local authority. Headteachers all over the Vale are letting us know the pressures they are under financially just to make ends meet."

On the petition website she added: "Please sign the petition to show the First Minister we care about our children's education. We need to get behind our headteachers, all school staff and our children. We cannot sit back and allow bureaucracy to stamp all over our children's future."

Miss Jones had recently received a letter from primary school headteachers in Barry saying they were at crisis point.

In the letter, the headteachers issued stark warnings, including that children's education and safety could be compromised. They said there may be enforced redundancies for teachers and learning support assistants.

The letter to parents and carers reads: "Once again, the Vale Council has taken money from other budgets and funded schools at significantly more than they are allocated by Welsh Government. We are grateful to our councillors as without this our schools would have become untenable."

"As a group of Barry schools alone we will need to find hundreds of thousands of pounds in savings this year."

"To be clear, we are short of what we will need just to stand still. Many schools are looking at redundancies for teachers and LSAs."

"We all have predicted shortfalls (double this year's) for the next financial year. Your children's education and life chances are being compromised by the Welsh Government's failure to fund schools properly."

The headteachers appealed to

parents to let politicians know how they feel.

Vale Council Leader, Cllr John Thomas, told The GEM he was pleased to see teachers in Barry, and other areas of the Vale, showing solidarity against the Welsh Government's "flawed pupil funding system".

He said: "There is a failure to acknowledge that we receive the lowest level of funding for education from Welsh Government in the first instance as a result of a flawed formula designed by Welsh Government. While it may have once been effective, this formula has not been reviewed for 18 years and relies on data gathered in the 1991 census."

"It simply beggars belief that the funding of possibly the most important area of our work is determined by data that is almost 30 years old... The fact is Vale pupils' education is being held back by the use of an outdated and flawed Welsh Government formula."

The GEM put the points made by Miss Jones and Cllr Thomas to the Welsh Government.

A spokesman explained: "It's important to note that the level of spending on schools is set by individual local authorities, not by the Welsh Government. The Vale of Glamorgan spends the least per pupil in Wales."

"We recognise that to continue to raise standards, our schools and teachers need additional support. That is why we recently announced the single biggest investment for teachers since devolution – a £24m package of professional learning to support the new curriculum, giving schools the time and resources they need."

On Cllr Thomas's comments on the funding formula, the spokesman said: "The vast majority of Welsh Government funding for schools comes from the local government settlement and over 90 per cent of the schools' part of the formula is based on data updated annually, such as pupil numbers."

"The funding formula is agreed each year and we have presented proposals to update the 1991 census-related element. However, these proposals were not pursued by local authorities."

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## Foodbank reveals increase over last 12 months

**THE Vale Food bank provided 3,833 three-day emergency food parcels to local people between April 2018 to March 2019. Of this number, 1,414 went to children.**

The local food bank's figures feed into a larger national picture with a record increase in foodbank use across the UK reported today by the Trussell Trust.

The Vale Food bank is backing calls from the Trussell Trust to ensure the benefits system is able to protect people from poverty.

The figures from the Vale Food bank are an 11 per cent increase on the same period last year. The charity believes the local increase is due to people struggling with continued issues with benefit payments and issues with Universal Credit, such as the five-week wait for a first payment.

Susan Lloyd-Selby, Vale Foodbank

co-ordinator said: "No one in the Vale should need a foodbank's help and we want to see an end to local people needing emergency food at all. It doesn't have to be this way - our benefits system is supposed to protect us all from being swept into poverty. Universal Credit should be part of the solution, but currently the five week wait is leaving many without enough money to cover the basics - this isn't right."

"Until we reach a future where foodbanks are no longer needed, we'll continue to provide vital support when it matters most. We're dedicated to ensuring that people in our community without enough money for food are able to access emergency support. Our vital work in the community has only been possible in the last year because of the incredible generosity shown by local people in donating food, time and funds."

## 'Uniform choice could be taken away from schools' warns trader

**LOCAL businesses across Wales are warning against a proposed change in law around the supply of school uniform, and a Cowbridge retailer is warning that it could take the element of choice away from schools.**

Late last year, the Welsh Government launched a consultation on plans to introduce new statutory guidance on school uniform in Wales, and the announcement met with concern from industry representative The Schoolwear Association.

The changes to legislation would result in increased competition for those businesses which supply specific uniform to schools as head teachers would be restricted in the choices that they could make to their uniforms.

Sally Stephenson, director of The Pencil Case, a local schoolwear supplier in Cowbridge, said: "Historically, most schools in communities across Wales would always work directly with a local school uniform supplier to provide a uniform."

"The suppliers would commit to providing all of the children with a uniform regardless of their size, their needs, or the time of the year. The head teacher and governors would be able to decide their own individual uniform policy and how the supply chain should work for their school, but if this new legislation comes in, all of that could be lost."

"There has been an independent business selling schoolwear in Cowbridge for over 50 years. I took the business over five years ago and we consider ourselves very much part of the community. We offer a quality and personal service to our customers, and this together with providing local employment, is paramount to us."

"The school uniform we provide is very high quality and excellent value for money. Our shop adds to the High Street and benefits the local economy. We care about the community."

### History Society

**COWBRIDGE History Society's next lecture will be on Friday, May 3 in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge. The subject will be 'The Llave Netsman of Wales' by Dylan Jones (National Museum of Wales).**

Members should note that the Society's AGM will be held before this talk at 7pm. For further information, visit [www.cowbridgehistorysociety.org](http://www.cowbridgehistorysociety.org).

and we deeply value our customers. I don't think the same can be said for the big supermarkets."

It's not just small local retailers that could suffer from the changes, but thousands of jobs could be at risk at the suppliers which stock the local schoolwear stores.

Mike Williams, sales manager for Wales at Winterbottoms Schoolwear said:

"As it currently stands, we supply the small independent stores with school uniform agreed by the schools. If this change comes into Welsh legislation, we could see schools lose the ability to decide what their uniform should be, uniform would lose its 'uniformity' as doors would open which would greatly impact on the industry."

"Shops that we supply would face immense pressure and potentially no longer be required. If demand falls in these local shops, due to what seems like a 'cheaper' alternative at supermarkets, the retailers that we supply who are local Welsh people, could lose their jobs. Quality uniform is great value, lasting for many years. Our High Streets and independent retailers are under enough pressure as it is."

"We have been supported by industry bodies like The Schoolwear Association that has not only warned against the change on behalf of all the people who's job hangs in the balance, but has also explained the impact this could have on pupils, especially those from poorer backgrounds. The change would mean that the option to choose could expose poorer children to scrutiny if their uniform isn't seen to be 'the same' as their peers."

The consultation period on the legislation has now ended, and the Welsh Government is currently reviewing the responses.

The GEM asked the Welsh Government to comment but, at the time of going to press, one had not been received.

## Care home opens its cinema for local visitors to Dementia Cafe



The cinema room at Ty Llandaff.

**A CARDIFF care home is opening up screenings in its cinema room to regular visitors of local dementia cafés.**

Staff and residents at Ty Llandaff, a private nursing, residential and respite care home in Pontcanna, will be welcoming visitors to share uplifting films with them every Friday afternoon from 2.15pm as part of a new initiative.

Ty Llandaff activities co-ordinator Melanie Geoghegan said: "We regularly visit local dementia cafés as our residents enjoy meeting other people, giving and receiving support from one another and they find getting out into the community is invaluable."

"We came up with the idea of hosting film screenings in our cinema room as a way of giving something back to the community to which we owe so much. We have such fabulous facilities at Ty Llandaff, such as the cinema room, and we hope visitors will enjoy visiting our home."

Dementia cafés offer a hub for

people suffering from dementia and their carers to gather in a safe and caring environment to have light refreshments, and often enjoy entertainment or activities. Generally run by volunteers as drop-in centres for a nominal cost, the cafés also act as a point to share information and support.

Ty Llandaff will be screening modern films and classic family favourites including *The Greatest Showman*, *Mamma Mia* and *The Sound of Music*, all of which have feel-good storylines to help boost the mood, as well as the added benefit of a musical soundtrack which is known to aid memory in people with dementia.

Melanie added: "Our residents really enjoy their film afternoons, and it will be really nice to see new faces here, to welcome them as friends and to give everyone the opportunity to socialise over a good movie."

For more information about Ty Llandaff call 02920 600 100, email [info@tyllandaffcare.com](mailto:info@tyllandaffcare.com) or visit [www.tyllandaffcare.com](http://www.tyllandaffcare.com)

## Ultra runners take on the Vale coast



**THE Vale Coastal Ultra race – 32 miles in total – took place on April 6.**

The race took in the whole of the Vale of Glamorgan coast, starting at Penarth Pier and finishing at

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Local photographer Andy Wicks captured the runners at Llantwit Major beach.



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# Cats charity issues warning about buying pets online

**BUYING** cats or kittens from private sellers online is a risky business, says Cats Protection after they were contacted by the owners of two very sick white kittens.

The charity's Bridgend Adoption Centre recently took in Daffan and Dill, who were sold for £360 as a pair and advertised as being eight weeks old.

When the new owners got the kittens home, they quickly realised that something was wrong as they were still trying to suckle and had raging diarrhoea.

They took the kittens to the vet who advised them that they were in fact around five weeks old, had a huge burden of worms and one was slightly jaundiced.

The vet also warned them they might die, so they called on Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre for help.

"We were really shocked at how ill they were," said Sue Dobbs, manager of the centre.

"The little girl Daff was particularly bad as she was very cold and



The two kittens before they were nursed back to health. (Photo by Sue Dobbs).

very lethargic. As well as diarrhoea, the kittens went on to develop flu and we soon discovered they were deaf too. It took four weeks and a lot of energy and money to get the kittens back to full health."

To offer cats the same welfare protection as dogs, Cats Protection is urging the Government to consider regulating cat breeding so that potential buyers are able to go to a licensed cat breeder.

It welcomed the recently announced Welsh Government consultation considering how best to address issues

related to cat breeding and selling and is also calling for an update to the law on selling cats to reflect the modern age – recognising that the majority of kittens and cats are now advertised for sale online.

They are asking that this should include a ban on the commercial sale of kittens under eight weeks which could have prevented Daffan and Dill from being sold at such a young age.

"Our branches across Wales still regularly tell us harrowing stories of kittens bred and sold that are very



Daffan and Dill after the Bridgend Adoption Centre had cared for them. (Photo by Sue Dobbs).

sick," said Madison Rogers, Advocacy and Government Relations Officer.

"It is vital that the breeding of cats is regulated and the law on selling cats in Wales is updated to avoid such tragedies. By choosing to adopt, rather than going to a breeder, you are caring for a kitten that already needs support instead of bringing another one into the world," said Madison.

"It is also beneficial for you because you'll have peace of mind that your cat or kitten is a healthy pet."

All cats and kittens adopted from Cats Protection are health-checked, wormed, vaccinated against cat flu and enteritis, neutered where appropriate and come with a free period of pet insurance.

This year, Cats Protection's cat care assistants – who help look after cats like Daffan and Dill at Bridgend Adoption Centre – are being funded, thanks to players of People's Postcode Lottery, who have raised £404 million to-date for similar good causes.

## Sky Notes for May – by Dave Powell of Barry Astronomical Society

**T**HE familiar constellation The Plough is almost overhead and the pointers show the direction to the northern horizon.

Half-way down in this direction we can see the Pole star, half-way down to the horizon again is the familiar constellation of Cassiopeia, with its easy to see 'W' shape. Here, with the aid of binoculars, we can see the Milky Way.

Having watched it when it was almost overhead, it may now seem strange to see it so low in the sky. It can be traced from the western horizon, looping underneath the Pole star, across to the eastern horizon.

If we go back to the Plough, locate the end star opposite to the pointers. Follow a curved line until you see a bright orange star: this is Arcturus, marking the constellation of Bootes.

Continue a curved line down towards the southern horizon and another bright star, Spica, will be seen. We have now arrived at the constellation Virgo. Spica is massive, something like 2,500 times as luminous as our Sun. It may very well be a two stars (binary) system although, if so, they are too close together to be seen individually. As for its colour, some see it as white, others bluish/white.

If you have a dark sky you will note Virgo looks something like the

letter 'Y' shape. Amateur astronomers with access to back-garden telescopes look forward to this time of year because hidden from view in the 'bow' of the letter Y are hundreds of galaxies. The brightest ones can be seen in telescopes.

One of the easiest to see is known as M87, and it is a giant elliptical galaxy thought to lie around 48/56 million light years from Earth. Galaxies come in different forms, but there are two main types: spiral, like the Milky Way and elliptical like M87.

One main difference between the two is that we know spiral galaxies still have material that forms new stars.

Elliptical galaxies are thought to have used up all the star-forming material. If you have a telescope you will need a clear, moonless night to search for M87.

On April 12, a first quarter Moon will be near the bright star Regulus in the constellation of Leo.

On April 15, the Moon is to the right of Spica. By the middle of May, the giant planet Jupiter will be rising just before midnight.

Do check out the website of Barry Astronomical Society [www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com](http://www.barryastronomical.wordpress.com) for details of when we hold observing sessions and our fortnightly meetings. Everyone is welcome.

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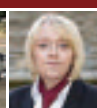
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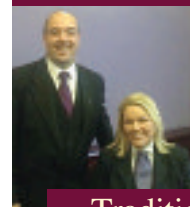
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## Obituaries

**BOWEN****Malcolm John**

Peacefully on 18th April, in the presence of his loving family, Malcolm aged 82 years of Barry. Dearly loved and adored husband of the late Maureen. A loved and treasured father of Paul, Neil and Karen and adored father-in-law of Pam and Dawn. Cherished grandfather of Michelle, Emma, David, Thomas, Ryan and great grandfather of Ethan, Oscar, Jacob and Benjamin. Dearest brother-in-law (brother) of John and Pamela.

Malcolm will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at St Helen's RC Church on Wednesday, 1st May at 10.30am, followed by an interment at Barry Cemetery. Flowers may be sent directly to the funeral home or donations may be made in favour of Marie Curie Cancer Care at the service.

**COLLEDGE****Neil**

Announcing the unexpected passing of Neil on 11th April 2019 at the University Hospital of Wales. Husband to Jennifer, father to Simon and Rachel. Bampy to Emily, Harri and Maisy. He will be remembered with much love.

Resting at Robert D Johnson Independent Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. A service will be held to celebrate Neil's life on Friday, 3rd May at 1.15pm at the Hope Baptist Church, Station Hill, Bridgend, CF31 1EA, followed by committal at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.45pm.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral director. For all enquiries telephone 01446 733844.

## In Memory

**MAYOR****Gladys**

Sadly passed away peacefully on 18th April, aged 90 years. Devoted wife of the late Bob, loving mother of Melody and Karl. Grandmother to Wayne, Tony, Lee, Adrian and Holly.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, 29th April at 4pm. Family flowers only.

**JOHN****Mary Gwyneth**

Peacefully on Wednesday, 17th April at Albert Edward Court, Porthcawl, Mary of 14 Hutchwms Close, Porthcawl. Beloved wife of the late Howard and much loved mother of Cathryn, Dafydd, Bethan and Gareth. A loving mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother.

Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Cremation at Margam on Thursday, 2nd May at 1.30pm, followed by a Thanksgiving service to celebrate her life at Trinity Church, Porthcawl at 3pm. Black dress optional.

Family flowers only. Donations in lieu, if so desired, to the RNLI and Christian Aid c/o Richard Mustoe, Porthcawl Funeral Service, 75 New Road, Porthcawl, CF36 5DH. Tel 01656 783699.

**BOWDITCH****Phyllis Jean**

The family are heartbroken to announce that Phyllis, aged 84, passed away at the University Hospital of Wales on 10th April after a short illness. Cherished mother, nan and great grandmother.

Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry. Funeral service will be held at 2pm on Thursday, 2nd May at Barry Cemetery Chapel, followed by interment at 2.30pm.

No floral tributes at the request of the family, but donations to Dementia UK will be welcome at the service or sent to the funeral director.

For further enquiries telephone 01446 733844.

**SCOTT-PHILLIPS****Jean (née Patterson)**

Peacefully on 4th April 2019 at Bryn Celyn Care Home, Jean aged 91 years. Beloved wife of the late Tom.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Thursday, 25th April at 10am. No flowers by request. Donations in lieu, if so desired, for Cancer Research UK c/o the funeral director.

**OWEN****Thomas Mark**

Sadly, Tom passed away peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 10th April, aged 51 following a short illness.

Reunited with his beloved Kerry.

Resting at Robert D Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry until interment at Merthyr Tydfil Cemetery on Thursday, 2nd May at 11am, followed by a service at 11.30pm in the cemetery chapel.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made at the service in memory of Tom to the I.C.U. at Llandough Hospital.

For all enquiries telephone 01446 733844.

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## In Memory

**EDWARDS****Patricia (Pat)**

30.04.1928 - 05.12.2018

Birthday memories of a much loved mum and nan.

To lose someone so special is really hard to bear. It hardly seems believable that you're no longer here.

You always lived life to the full but ours won't be the same, each day we're challenged with the grief when we speak or hear your name.

We will make a birthday wish today to the angels up above, to place a kiss upon your cheek and send you all our love.

Love and miss you forever, you are never more than a thought away.

Love Tommy, Tina, Yvonne, Maria, Gerald, Tisha, grandchildren and great grandchildren xxxx

**PYCROFT****Dr. Jason**

26th April 1972 - 17th June 2009

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Mum and Dad

**MONTGOMERY****Jordan**

29th April

Birthday Memories of our dear grandson, Jordan. Thinking of you always and always in our hearts.

Love always Nan & Gramps Crout xxx

## Acknowledgements

**ANDERSON****Nigel Gerald**

Anne and family thank everyone who helped look after Nigel during his illness. Western Vale Family Practice and district nurses, Barry Adult Services, the Princess of Wales Hospital and The Manor, St Hilary for their excellent nursing care.

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# Young Barry gymnasts enjoy success at championships

**YMCA Barry female gymnasts have had another successful competition at the Welsh Elite and National Grade Championships.**

National Grade 4 is the first national level grade which has a number of very complex and demanding routines included. Three gymnasts from YMCA Barry competed: Casey Moores, Emmy Saddler and Olivia Dawkins. Casey Moores, Emmy Saddler and Olivia Dawkins competed against a very strong field and Emmy Saddler earning herself sixth place on Bars.

After demonstrating their beautiful gymnastics Olivia received a Pass, with Emma and Casey receiving a Commended.

In the Elite Grade category, Azaria Karim competed in Compulsory 4 and Millie Williams competed in Compulsory 3. The Elite Grade system is a programme designed to physically prepare young gymnasts with the potential to become elite gymnasts as they get older. This is an extremely challenging competition.

In Elite Level four eight year old Azaria Karim claimed fourth on Vault, second Beam, sixth on Floor and with all the scores combined fourth Overall. In Elite Level three nine-year-old Millie received fourth



Casey Moores, Emmy Saddler and Olivia Dawkins.

on Vault, third on Beam, second on Floor, first on Range and Conditioning and with all the scores combined, was second Overall.

Both girls qualified to represent Wales in the British Elite Grade Championships in May. A fantastic achievement for the girls and YMCA Barry.

Following on from the competition, Millie Williams travelled straight to Lilleshall, British Gymnastics National Centre for her first British Performance Pathway Squad. Millie had a brilliant first training session where she trained with the top gymnasts of her age, as well as the British National coaches.

YMCA Barry gymnastics club currently



Millie Williams and Azaria Karim.

has spaces in a number of its classes. YMCA Barry cater for all levels from Gymbabies, Gymtots, beginner gymnastics for boys and girls, teen gymnastics, cheerleading, trampolining, disability gymnastics as well as competitive gymnastics

for male and females.

If you would like your son or daughter to try gymnastics contact YMCA Barry on 01446 724000, email sophie@ymcabarry.org.uk or on social media @ymcabarry.

## Public Notice

**PUBLIC NOTICE****LICENSING ACT 2003**

To whom it may concern, We, Bridgend 1012 Ltd, do hereby give notice that we have applied to the Vale of Glamorgan Council Licensing Authority to vary the premises licence for Fox and Hounds, St Hilary Major, Bridgend, CF32 0SA.

The Application seeks to approve refurbishment and structural alteration works as more clearly illustrated on the plan deposited with the licensing authority and to amend permitted hours as follows:

Sale of alcohol:  
Sunday to Thursday: 1000 hrs - 2300 hrs.  
Friday, Saturday & Bank Holiday Sunday: 1000 hrs - 12 midnight

Opening hours:  
Sunday to Thursday: 0700 hrs - 2330 hrs  
Friday, Saturday & Bank Holiday Sunday: 0700 hrs - 0030 hrs

Any person wishing to make representation to this application may do so either in writing to Licensing Section, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU or email to licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk no later than Wednesday 15 May 2019. A copy of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being unlimited.

**PUBLIC NOTICE****LICENSING ACT 2003**

To whom it may concern, I, Sam Lewis, do hereby give notice that I have applied to the licensing authority (Vale of Glamorgan) for the grant of a premises licence at 6 St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QW known as Libbits.

The licensable activities will be the sale of alcohol between Sunday to Thursday 10am - 11pm, Friday to Saturday 10am - 00.00am.

Any person wishing to make representation to this application may do so either in writing to Licensing

Section, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU or email to licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk no later than Wednesday 15 May 2019. A copy of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address during normal office hours.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5000.

Signed: S. Lewis  
Date: 15th April 2019

## Bridgend Bridge Club

**THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:**

On April 17: First, Rob Forman and Alan Heath; second, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham; third, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones. The winners on handicap were Rob Forman and Alan Heath.

On April 18: First, Maggie Ashpole and Mike Williams; second, Stuart Davies and John Henson; third, Dilys Bowser and V Irene Thomas.

Regular club nights

take place at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Before the Thursday afternoon session, at 1pm, Steve Burgoyne will give a talk on forcing bids.

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# Vale venues are all set to host World Bowls tournament

**BARRY and Dinas Powys will host the world's best lawn bowlers next month when the 2019 World Bowls Atlantic Championships gets underway at four locations across Cardiff and the Vale.**

The elite level event, which has previously been hosted in Cyprus and South Africa, will take place between Friday, May 10 and Thursday, May 23 at Barry Athletic, Dinas Powys, Penarth Windsor and Penylan bowls clubs.

More than 20 nations, including the likes of Spain, Argentina, Turkey, Brazil and Kenya will bring male and female teams for what promises to be a fiercely contested competition.

Thousands of spectators will have the opportunity to experience world class Bowls live – as Wales welcomes a prestigious bowling event for the first time.

Vale residents can follow the Men's Pairs and Women's Fours at Dinas Powys, or the Women's Singles and Men's Triples at Barry Athletic from the opening day through to Tuesday, May 21 from 8.15a.m, before the action heats up with the play-offs a day later.

Penarth plays host to the other half of the Women's Singles and Men's Triples draws over the same period before Finals Day at Penylan on Thursday, May 23.

The tournament will take place over 12 days and across four venues in Cardiff and the Vale, and event manager Alun Hodges is relishing the opportunity to bring the best lawn bowls players in the world to Wales.

He said: "We are absolutely delighted to be bringing the World Bowls Atlantic Championships to Wales. The country has become a world-renowned sporting location and we hope bowls can make a similar impact on Wales' rich sporting landscape."

"I have witnessed the growth of bowls in Wales first-hand during my nine years as an international selector and subsequent roles as International team manager during the 2014 Commonwealth Games and 2016 World Championships.

"I'm thrilled to be leading the team who will bring this event to four venues across south Wales to put bowls firmly in the hearts and minds of the sports mad Welsh public."

The World Bowls Atlantic Championships 2019 is organised and funded by the Welsh Bowls Association in association with Welsh Government and Run 4 Wales - for more information visit [welshbowls.co.uk](http://welshbowls.co.uk).



**Pictured (left to right): Terry Hopkins, secretary Welsh Bowling Association, Ray Davies, treasurer Welsh Bowling Association, Beryl Holmes, Welsh Women's Bowling Association, John Manfield, assistant secretary Welsh Bowling Association and Alun Hodges, event manager of 2019 World Bowls Atlantic Championships.**

## Latest news and results from Barrivale Bridge

**Allan Rees was awarded the Bill Shore Trophy for handicap of the year award.**

**THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club on April 16 are as follows:**

First, Peter Millar and Mick Green, 60.32 per cent; second, Mark Roderick and Mike Close, 58.33 per cent; third, Irene Thomas and Jane Brook, 52.38 per cent. The handicap winners were Allan and Pat.

New members at the club are always welcomed and a partner may be arranged, if required. If you would like to join, call 01446 418380, 01446 733425, 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Alternatively, players



inexperienced or new to bridge playing, may attend the following sessions: Friday 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted

play; Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry CF63 4AP.

## Lloyd trusts Glamorgan can bounce back

**NORTH-WALIAN all-rounder David Lloyd believes that Glamorgan can bounce back from the disappointment of their two-run defeat against Somerset on Sunday in the Royal London One-Day Cup.**

Having slumped to 21 for five at one stage, the middle-order and tail made up for a dismal top-order batting display, which subsequently saw Marnus Labuschagne, Charlie Hemphrey and Kiran Carlson selected for the Second XI against

Somerset's Second XI at Taunton Vale on Tuesday.

Following his 68 against Hampshire, Lloyd hit 84 from 93 balls, Graham Wagg struck 62 and Lukas Carey made a valiant 39 in the closing stages on Sunday.

The Welsh side ultimately failed to register their first win in one-day cricket this season, and now face tough opposition in last year's runners-up Kent at Sophia Gardens on Thursday.

**Alun Rhys Chivers**

## Memories of the Monmouthshire Hunt point-to-point

**THE Monmouthshire Point-To-Point racecourse was always popular with owners, riders and trainers from the Vale, Cowbridge's James Tudor will go down in history as being the last jockey to ride a winner there.**

*Brian Lee, who has been reporting on the Welsh hunt-racing scene for more than half-a-century, takes a look back in time...*

The Monmouthshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases, which had been held at Llanvapley near Abergavenny since 1953 moved to a new venue at the Monmouthshire Show Ground this year.

When I interviewed Peter Scudamore after he had won on a horse called *Melivan* at Llanvapley in 1978, he told me he was joining the paid ranks, and little did I think then that I was talking to a rider who would become champion National Hunt jockey a record breaking eight times, and a jockey who would go on to ride a record breaking 1,678 winners and who would also set a record of riding 221 winners during the 1988/89 season.

When racing took place for the first time at Llanvapley, some 6,000 enthusiasts saw the popular grey *Sylvester 11* land the adjacent hunts ladies' race for the third year on the bounce.

However, it was a close thing, with *Sylvester 11* holding on by a head from the South Hereford challenger *High Chance*.

Cowbridge's Daphne Williams was the rider on this occasion, whereas in 1952, when the races had been held at Raglan, *Sylvester 11* had been partnered by April Budgen and in 1951 by April's sister Ruth.

The men's open race was run in two divisions with Dick Bowen winning the first on Wilf Lewis' *Copper Street* and Brian Jenkins the second on *Gilbey*.

The following year, 1954, *Sylvester 11* won the race for the fourth time and in doing so beat the same horse, *High Chance*, he had beaten the previous year. However, the rider this time was Miss Penny Pragnell. The men's open was won by *Gilbey* which beat *Kilbraes*.

The 1955 season saw *Sylvester 11* in cracking form, winning six races. Unfortunately, the one race he failed to win was at the Monmouthshire where he was trounced by South Herefordshire's *Gay Day*.

The best men's open race horse in 1957 was *Stoney Bridge*, ridden by St Athan farmer Jim Thomas, who beat the highly-rated Worcestershire horse *Merry Courier*.

Another good Welsh point-to-pointer around this time was Mr R H Jenkins' bay mare *Mariji*, who during the 1956 season and ridden by Isobel Lewis, won at the Tredegar, Monmouthshire, south Herefordshire, Cheltenham, Ludlow and Curre meetings.

All told, *Mariji* won 23 races and Isobel was in the saddle for 22 of them.

Howard Jones' charmingly named *Chingley Golden Heart*, partnered by Howard's brother Lloyd Jones, was another great favourite who graced the Llanvapley course back then in the 1950s.

In 1962, Mr RJ Anstey's *Andy 11* won the Somerset Cup under the legendary Bill Jones in one of the biggest fields - there were 15 runners - for the race in years. *Andy 11* won her 17th and final race in 1967 when beating the consistent *Agitate* at Llanvapley.

It was at Llanvapley the following year, 1968, that Bassaleg's Mike Williams, riding like a man possessed on *Duck and Dive*, beat the famed front-running *Bronze Miller* by a neck

in a race I will never forget.

There was a real touch of class about the Monmouthshire Hunt races of 1969 as the hunt staged three Players' Gold Leaf qualifying races.

The first was won by the Lady Dudley Cup winner *Bright Willow*, the second by *Sunrise*, who some claim was the best point-to-pointer ever, and the third by *Touch of Tammy* which went on to win, among other races, the Horse and Hound Cup.

All three winners were long odds-on favourites but one horse who provided a good result for the bookies was Milton Bradley's prolific winner *Octroi*, who, under regular rider Celia Conley, beat the favourite *Parka*.

In 1972 national champion rider Sue Aston chalked up her 100th winner at the Monmouthshire's evening meeting. There were just four runners and *Octroi* pulled up after jumping two fences, *Saledun* carried out *Go Pontinental* at the next fence, leaving *Rathriddage*, described as 'a very tricky customer', to finish alone.

Fast forward to 1980 and Abergavenny farrier Andrew James, riding *Lady Pen*, landed a huge gamble when winning the men's open race after being backed from 20-1 to 4-1 and off the board in places.

However, Andrew's most memorable win at Llanvapley came a couple of years later when riding a horse called *Magic Rock* in the members' race - it fell twice and still emerged the winner!

*Magic Rock* was leading *Kanda Fair* until falling at the 10th fence which left *Kanda Fair*, partnered by Rodway Heathfield, with a clear lead.

Quickly remounting, Andrew chased after the leader and was closing the gap only to fall again at the 14th fence.

Undaunted, Andrew remounted again and by the time *Kanda Fair* had reached the final fence Andrew and *Magic Rock* had caught them up and went on to land the prize.

In 1984 the Monmouthshire celebrated their 80th anniversary, their first meeting having been held at Penylan, Llanarth in 1904.

In 1989 the hunt staged a nine-race card and Andrew James was successful on *Dashalong* and *Crumpet Catcher*. Tim Jones won on *Sweet Rascal* and *Lynwood Lad* and his sister Pip scored on *Celtic Remorse*.

Another nine race card was staged at Llanvapley in 1992 and it was at this meeting that the brilliant and quirky grey *Brunico*, who that year won all his 12 races including the Lady Dudley Cup, won the men's open race under usual rider Ron Trellogan.

Pontypridd's Robert Rowsell won the confined on the useful *Solars Pride* and Bridgend's Paul Hamer a division of the restricted on *Willie McGarr*.

The following year, 1993, Rudry's Tim Jones, who taught Cheltenham Gold Cup winner *Norton's Coin* to jump fences, chalked up his 100th winner on *Zephyr Nights*.

The last time racing was held at Llanvapley was in 2015 when Beth Roberts' prolific *Chesnut Annie*, ridden by Emma Moseley, won the ladies' open race beating *Fine Resolve* partnered by Rachel Leyshon.

Leading rider James Tudor from Cowbridge, who had won the men's open race on *Repeat Business*, won the very last race to be staged at Llanvapley on *Banned In Bhutan*.

To name all the famous horses and riders who competed at Llanvapley which was one of the best viewing courses in Wales one would need to write a book!

**Brian Lee**

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# Point to point racing returns to Redlands Farm

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POINT to Point racing returned to Redlands Farm, Bonvilston for the first time in seven years on Easter Saturday, and the organisers were delighted with the huge crowds came out in the sunshine to enjoy a day's racing.

For a full report on the successful runners and riders, please see Brian Lee, On and Off the Turf, on page 35.





# Vale rider Isabel's Lydstep success

**LLANCARFAN'S Isabel Williams notched-up her third winner between-the-flags this season at the well-attended South Pembrokeshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Lydstep near Tenby on Easter Monday.**

Riding her grandmother Mary Evans's 12-year-old former

National Hunt performer *Hold Court* in the ladies' open race she rode a well-judged race to win by 25 lengths from the Llangeinor horse *Patricktom Boru*, ridden by Jodie Hughes, and in doing so won the award for the best riding performance of the day judged by the race commentator Edward Williams.

Isabel, who has also ridden a number of winners under Rules, said: "I was thrilled with the way he ran, over the

moon in fact."

Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, who had celebrated his 31st birthday 24 hours earlier, won the restricted on the blinkered *Holy Water* which won by 12 lengths from the pace-making *Snow Puma*.

Ben Jones, who had a hat-trick at Saturday's Glamorgan fixture, came away with a double this time.

He won the opening members' race on the odds-on *Midnight Folie*, coming home a distance ahead of *The Doc*, and he won the men's open on the 12-year-old hooded *Walkabout Creek* after the odds-on favourite *Don Bersy*, partnered by Welsh champion Bradley Gibbs, was very slowly away at the start giving his three rivals a good start.

The Llangeinor horse *North George*, ridden by Jack Tudor, appeared to be going well only to slip up on the bend on the first circuit. *Walkabout Creek* was a first winner for schoolteacher Dawn Smedley, who said: "He's a real pleasure to train." At 12, *Walkabout Creek*

was the oldest of the four runners.

In a match for the Intermediate race, the odds-on *Highway Jewel*, partnered by Welsh champion Bradley Gibbs, came home 25 lengths ahead of *Rupera Tom* ridden by Jack Tudor.

*Highway Jewel* is trained by Bradley's father David, and one of the mare's owners is Welsh rugby international Cory Hill. *Highway Jewel* was winning for the third time on the bounce but it was the first time that Cory had seen her race!

The French-bred *Airpur Desbois*, trained by former rugby player Gareth Moore at Pyle near Bridgend, and partnered by James King, 23, won the aged maiden race by one-and-a-quarter lengths from *Italian Symphony* much to the delight of his owner hunt-racing stalwart Mrs Carmen Goldsworthy.

Brian Lee



## Great season for Barry Athletic FC

**WITH some of the most important games in its history coming up in May, Barry Athletic Football Club have almost completed their 73rd season and it has been another very successful year for the club.**

Off the pitch the current committee continue to work tirelessly to provide opportunities for the local footballing community. A new central heating system has finally been installed in the clubhouse after going for over a decade with no heating, the toilets have been refurbished and the kitchen is currently being relocated to provide refreshments to players and spectators.

Thousands of pounds have been raised via 3-1 external funding bids and internal fundraisers. Funding has also been

secured for new flooring via VOGC Strong Communities Fund and plans are gathering pace to renovate and modernise the changing rooms next winter.

The club were thrilled to progress from Standard to Bronze Accreditation status via the Football Association of Wales. A fitting tribute to the development and growth seen at the Athletic over the past five years.

On the pitch the Athletic fielded teams for 2018/19 in every mini age group (ages 6-11), two junior under-12 teams, an under-18 youth team and two men's teams. With over 200 players now registered, an infrastructure is being built to ensure the club has a sustainable future.

The men's A team have won the VOGAFL Premier League title for the 15th time. The trophy was secured with a 3-1 victory over Island Marine and the club were

presented with the shield by match referee Mark Harvey.

With back-to-back titles in the trophy cabinet the club feel they are ready for a new challenge and have applied for promotion to the South Wales Alliance League. They will play other league winners from across south Wales to decide which three teams get promoted. Each game will be like a cup final and the support of local people would be very much appreciated.

Matches will be played from May 13-25, but exact dates, venues and times are not known at time of writing - follow the club's social media accounts for more details.

The club president, Adrian Heathfield, and his wife Deanna will

be running the London Marathon on Sunday, April 28 for two very good causes: The Shaw Trust and The Brian Heathfield Memorial Fund.

Barry Athletic FC wish them both the very best of luck, if you would like to sponsor them then please visit mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/adeanddee2019.

The committee would like to thank every sponsor, player, coach and parent from all its age groups for their continued support and commitment.

If anyone would like to contact the club about any sponsor, coaching or playing opportunities please email Ady Gratton at chairman@barryathleticfc.uk.

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## Friendly derby for bowls teams

**SULLY Sports Bowls Club opened their season hosting nearest neighbours Sully Bowls Club in a friendly last Saturday, April 20 on a warm sunny afternoon in a game played with great camaraderie and competitiveness.**

The first act of camaraderie came before the game commenced when, with the Sports a man short, Paul Spay from the Sully club stepped in to ensure a full team on both sides.

Although the Sports won 80-46 on aggregate, and won on all four rinks, things were tight on three rinks for much of the game.

Lee Romans was behind until the sixth end, then lost the lead on the 10th to finally regain it on the 15th and ease to a win.

G Brown's rink, although never behind, were level after eight

ends, but pulled away in the remaining 10 ends, and on K Aguis' rink, the lead changed hands five times until a strong final four ends saw them home.

Rink scores: A Thompson, P Collier, G Currie, G Brown 25-13; B Knight, P Spay, L Adams, R Matthews 16-9; P Holland, D Davies, C Coomber, L Romans 19-12; D Austin, M Stafford, B Whyman, K Aguis 20-12.

This Saturday, April 27 Sully Sports visit Pontyclun in the PG1s, and then Penarth Winsor in a friendly on May 1.

It's not too late for new members to join, who will be most welcome, whether experienced players or beginners; just turn up at the club, or contact Peter Holland (secretary) on 01446 622490 or Graham Brown (captain) on 01446 737274.

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## The Vale of Glamorgan Football League round-up

**AFC Rhose B clinched the Second Division championship with a comprehensive 6-1 win over Vale Madrid.**

St Athan B sealed second spot, finishing three points off top with a 5-3 victory over Barry Athletic B. Barry Vikings' end of season dip in form continued as they were trounced 7-1 by Penarth Town. Congratulations to AFC Rhose B on their title win.

In the Premier Division, second-placed AFC Rhose edged out champions Barry Athletic 4-3 in a thriller. Although it has absolutely no effect on bearing on the league it's still a fine win for

Rhose. Athletic now look ahead to their SWFA Alliance League promotion play-off.

Island Marine wrapped up their season with a emphatic thrashing of bottom side St Athan.

In Division One, champions Holton Road finished their campaign with a 5-2 victory over a spirited Cwm Talwg side and Cardiff Airport saw off Cadoxton Barry 3-1 to seal fifth place.

This weekend it's the final handful of games and the Vale showpiece, the Barry Cup final at Jenner Park on Sunday between Penarth and Cowbridge.

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# Llangeinor point-to-point is popular at Pyle

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**THE Dunraven Stud, the equestrian home of Dawn and David Brace, hosted the recent Llangeinor Penttyrch Point-to-Point.**

The sun shone and crowds flocked to the venue for what proved to be a great day out – with competitive racing.

Successful jockeys on the day were Jack Tudor, who rode a treble, and Byron Moorcroft, who brought home two winners.



## Vital win for Barry RFC

**BARRY RFC travelled to Llanharan on Wednesday night knowing that only maximum points would do as they continued the hunt for promotion.**

Coaches Jon Bryant and Liam Scott were able to welcome back Einan Scott and Tom Lee at half backs, with Kyle Barros reverting to full back. Sion Vidal and Sam Bowditch were recalled in the front row with Dave Provis also returning in the pack.

Barry tried to play a wide game right from the off, but whether it was the floodlights, the midweek fixture or the changed personnel, the enthusiasm in attack was not matched by the accuracy. The visitors did take the lead, however, when Barross converted a penalty opportunity.

The hosts, showing a much-changed side to the one that faced Barry just weeks ago, pounced on some uncertain play from the green-and-whites and retaliated with a well-worked try out wide which was unconverted to take the lead.

Stung, Barry stormed forward and this time they showed more structure and patience as they

began to make their dominance in their backs tell.

However, it was the forwards who finally produced the breakthrough, with Lucas Davies burrowing over for the team's first try. Barross added the extras to put Barry 10-5 up.

Sensing the momentum swinging their way, Barry did not let up in their attack as they searched for another score. Chances were created but a lack of accuracy, and some curious refereeing decisions, saw no more scores until the stroke of half-time.

This time, the forwards laid on the platform to allow the time and space for Tom Perry to cut a line through the Llanharan defence to score under the posts. Barross' conversion made it 17-5.

At half-time the job was only half done and after the interval the visitors continued to go for the jugular as they searched for the bonus point.

After Barross' unerring boot added another three points, a third try duly arrived when a break out on the left saw smart exchanges and good hands, with the ball finally reaching Brad White, who finished expertly. Barross again added the extras.

The win was now almost secured but it was the fourth try that Barry wanted. Llanharan still had the upper hand in the scrum but Barry were able to negate that threat with some excellent back row work from Harry Moyle, John Miles, and Provis.

After weathering some sustained Llanharan pressure, substitute Alyn Evans made the break in midfield which set up the field position for Barry to unleash the backs, cutting through the home defence to see White storm through for his second try, and his team's fourth.

With Saturday's crucial game at Taff's Well in mind, the coaches emptied the bench but there was no let up for Llanharan as the visitors continued their assault on the home line.

It was Dave Provis' turn next to get on the scoresheet as the veteran powered over in the corner for an unconverted score.

The home side continued to battle hard but were visibly tiring as they conceded penalties and territory. There was still time for substitute Chris Lockyer to break through for a fine individual try with Einan Scott converting. The final score was 44-5.





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# On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

**JACK Tudor, 16 of Merthyr Mawr, landed his biggest win to date when he was successful in the Cheltenham Pony Racing Authority Graduates Handicap Hurdle at Cheltenham last Wednesday, April 17 on *Uno Mas*, trained by former National Hunt jockey of note Christian Williams at Ogmere-By-Sea.**

*Uno Mas*, a 14-1 shot, won by a neck from *Cornborough*, ridden by Miss Abbie McCain, and took the £9,285 first prize.

Earlier in the day *ToBeFair*, ridden by usual jockey Thomas Bellamy, won the Safron Landing Systems Handicap Hurdle by five lengths from the bottom-weighted *Broughtons Admiral*.

A 15-2 chance, *ToBeFair* is trained in west Wales by Debra Hamer from the Bridgend area and her husband Paul is a former Welsh champion point-to-point rider.

Twenty-four hours earlier at Exeter, Chepstow's Robert Stephens was successful with *Tudors Treasure*, which won the handicap chase under Tom O'Brien.

Made the 11-4 favourite, eight-year-old *Tudors Treasure* won by a length from *Kingston Mimosa*.

**VALE POINT-TO-POINT**  
POINT-TO-POINT racing returned to Redlands Farm, Bonvilston in the Vale last Saturday for the first time since 2012, and the organisers who worked so hard to get the course in shape were rewarded with a huge crowd, probably the best seen at a point-to-point in Wales for some years.

There were numerous bookmakers in attendance and the day's riding honours went to west Wales' Ben Jones, age 18 who rode his first ever hat-trick.

Ben won the Conditions race on *Gun Shy*, the Timico Mixed Open on *Princely Player* and the Restricted on *Manhattan Mead*.

*Gun Shy* won by eight lengths from Bradley Gibbs' mount *Mr Sawyer*, and Jones said: "He travelled well throughout."

Winning owner-trainer Chepstow's Tommy Faulkner, who was saddling his seventh winner of the season, and who admitted to backing his horse, said: "We paid 2,000 guineas for him at the Ascot Sales and he's a tricky fellow to train but all going well he will run at the Cheltenham Hunter Chase evening meeting next month."

*Princely Player*, owned by The KP & Nuts Racing Club, and trained by National Hunt trainer Peter Hobbs' sister-in-law Karen Hobbs and qualified with the Vine and Craven Hunt in Berkshire, drew clear two fences from home from the pacemaking *Yeats Ace* (Bradley Gibbs) to win by 10 lengths with the odds-on *Hidden Charmer* (Jack Tudor) a further 12 lengths away in third spot.

"He's a sleepy sort but he stays all day," said Jones, who had won on the 12-year-old at Hereford Racecourse on April 7.

The third leg of Ben's hat-trick came in the Restricted when the blinkered *Manhattan Mead* led at the last to beat the pacemaking *Robbina* (Jack Tudor) by one-and-a-half lengths.

Backed from 8-1 to 6-1, *Manhattan Mead* is owned by hunt-racing stalwart Gwynne Phillips and trained by former Welsh champion point-to-point rider Paul Hamer in Carmarthen.

Seven faced the starter for the Aged Maiden race and Welsh champion Bradley Gibbs, riding the eight-year-old *Chase Me* for Ledbury trainer James Ridley, finished 10 lengths ahead of the favourite *SamDibien*, trained by former leading Welsh National Hunt jockey Sam Thomas.

Bradley, who received a phone call the night before the races offering him the ride, said: "The farther we went the better *Chase Me* jumped."

Of the five horses that went to post for the Young Horse Maiden, the youngest of them, the four-year-old Tim Vaughan-trained *Loco CoCo* led approaching the penultimate fence and went on to score by one-and-a-half lengths from Gibbs' mount *Thomas Crown*.

The Irish-bred *Loco CoCo* was ridden by Morgan Winstone, aged 18, who was chalking-up his first winner between the flags.

Morgan, who works for Tim Vaughan at nearby Aberthryn, hails from Pontypool and has also ridden a winner under Rules.

In a match for the Hunt Members race, the eight-year-old *Rio Bravo*, owned by Miss Claire Sherriff and partnered by Bradley Gibbs, made nearly all the running and despite jumping to the left went on to win by 15 lengths from the odds-on *Blazing Tom* (Jack Tudor).

*Rio Bravo* is trained by Bradley's father David Gibbs at Ynysbwll.

**VALE TRAINERS' WEEKEND SUCCESS**  
VALE trainers Evan Williams and Christian Williams – no relation, although the latter was at one time Evan's assistant trainer – were both in good form over the Easter weekend.

So was Pembrokeshire's Peter Bowen, as at Newton Abbot on Saturday he won the big handicap chase with *Lord Bryan* and Ogmere-By-Sea's Christian Williams saddled *Primal Focus*, winner of the earlier chase on the card.

*Lord Bryan*, owned by Gwyn Brace and his daughter Jayne from the Vale, was ridden by Sean Bowen and *Primal Focus*, at five the youngest horse in the race, was partnered by Nick Scholfield.

At Haydock, Bowen was successful with *Minella Daddy* who was partnered by his younger son James Bowen.

Twenty-four hours later at Ffos Las, Peter Bowen was back in the winners' enclosure after winning the novices' hurdle with *Statuario* and the handicap chase with *Alf 'N' Dor*, both ridden by Sean Bowen.

Another trainer to land a Ffos Las double was Evan Williams. He won the opening mares' handicap with the bottom weighted *Mac Bella* and the West Wales National Handicap with *Pobbles Bay*, both ridden by stable jockey Adam Wedge.

Christian Williams' *Win My Wings* easily took the maiden hurdle under Nick Scholfield, coming home 19 lengths ahead of the long odds-on favourite *Volcano*.



## CAVC Rugby Academy players will represent Wales at top youth tournament in Japan

**CARDIFF and Vale College's Rugby Academy team is jetting out to Japan to represent Wales at a prestigious international rugby tournament.**

Now in its 12th year, the Sanix World Rugby Youth Invitational Tournament is held every year in Fukuoka prefecture in Japan. Teams participate by invitation only, and are chosen because of their high standard.

The tournament has

become renowned as the pinnacle of youth rugby, with the champions being considered the strongest youth team in the world.

The only other UK college taking part in the tournament is Exeter College. The CAVC Rugby Academy, which is made up from students across CAVC who are studying a range of different courses, will travel out to Japan on April 25.

Martyn Fowler, director of rugby at Cardiff and Vale College, said: "Thirty

of our finest young men are looking forward to representing the college, Cardiff Blues and the Welsh Rugby Union with great pride at the 2019 Sanix World Youth Tournament.

"Our third fixture is against favourites St Peter's College, Cambridge, representing New Zealand. This offers the boys the opportunity to face the formidable haka – a genuine privilege as not many teams or indeed individual players get an opportunity to do so. "Teams representing

Uruguay, South Africa, Russia, Korea and Australia will be competing with six additional teams from all parts of Japan. This is without question the tour of a lifetime – you can enjoy a rugby career of 15 years and never have the opportunity to be invited on a tour of this nature to a destination so rare and significant in a World Cup year.

"We are looking forward to fully immersing ourselves in the Japanese culture and hope to amplify the good name of Cardiff and Vale College and Wales on an international stage both on and off the pitch."

The squad has also been through a programme of training with the Welsh Rugby Players Association

and Colegau Cymru to prepare them for their first international tour and to help them better understand Japanese language and culture.

The Rugby Academy squad captain will be 17-year-old Evan Lloyd from Penarth.

"I cannot wait – taking part in this tournament is going to be really good," Evan said. "It will be a new experience for all of us; I don't think any of the boys have played against teams from Fiji, Australia and New Zealand so it's going to be really good for all of us."

"I'm excited about going to Japan. From what we've seen in our training sessions it looks really good."

## The Barry and District League tables and results

### CRIB DIVISION 1:

League table: Rhose Social 185, Wyndham Cons 175, Liberals 173, Cadoxton Cons 167, West End Runaways 164, West End 156, Moors Boys 150.

### Team knockout final:

Liberals beat West End Runaways.

### SKITTLES DIVISION 1:

West End C 4.5, Rhose Social C 2.5; Slammers 6, Rhosesters 1; Liberals A 2, Allsorts 5; Rhose Social B 5.5, King William XII 1.5; Cambrian Flyers 1, Sea View Exiles 6; Rhose Social A 0, Barries Boys 7; West End D 6, Liberals C 1.

League table: Sea View Exiles 128.0, West End D 124.5, West End C 120.0, Allsorts 108.0, Rhose Social C 103.0, Rhosesters 101.5, Rugby Club 98.5, Barry Town FC 98.0, King William XII 96.5, Slammers 92.0, Rhose Social A 83.5, Barries Boys 78.0, Rhose Social B 74.5, Liberals C 66.0, Liberals A 65.0, Cambrian Flyers 47.0.

### SNOOKER DIVISION 1:

League Table: West End C 98, Savoy A 91, Harbour B 85, Wyndham Cons A 73, Cadoxton Cons B 69, Cadoxton Cons Z 67, Penarth Cons A 52, Rhose Social B 43, \*Liberators 42, Cadoxton Wildcats 41, Market Street B 37.

### Team knockout cup semi-finals:

West End C beat Wyndham Cons A; Cadoxton Cons B beat Savoy A.

### SNOOKER DIVISION 2:

League table: Savoy B 79, Rhose Social C 75, Cadoxton Cons A 72, Penarth Cons B 72, \*Services Social B 70, Market Street C 67, Wyndham Cons D 63, Harbour A 56, West End A 52, Sully Sports A 48, West End B 39.

### Team knockout cup semi-finals:

Savoy B beat Market Street C; Penarth Cons B beat Rhose Social C (\* = points deducted).

View all results and league tables at [barryleagues.co.uk](http://barryleagues.co.uk).

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## The Barry and District Mens Skittles League

### DIVISION 1:

Final league table: 49ers 41, Geest 34, Bunker Boys 23, Posties 22, Willie Wombles 21, Blue Monkey 20, Merryman 20, Sea View 19, Billy Whizz 17, British Rail 17, KP Rejects 16, Cannon Balls 14.

### DIVISION 2:

H Bells 270 (B Webb 32), Ex-Servicemen 298 (D Stevens 37).

Final league table: Park Lads 38, Cavaliers 28, H Bells 26, Hairly Lemons 24, Witchill Poachers 22, Colcot Boys 20, Barry Park B 20, Mighty Dockers 19, Exiles 19, Tynny

Lads 17, Ex-Servicemen 16, BP Breakaways 15.

### DIVISION 3:

Final league table: Park Rangers 30, Castle Boys 24, Billy Bluebirds 22, Glenbrook Flyers 22, Witchill Nomads 20, Royalists 19, Cocoa Nuts 19, Abercete 18, Alternatives 16, C.U.D. 10, Master Mariner 0.

### Allform Cup semi-finals:

49ers beat Bunker Boys; Mighty Dockers beat Exiles.

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## Rain a pain for golfers

**WITH only a handful of players prepared to tee off in the early morning rain, St Mary's Golf Club's senior section's main competition was called off.**

Two days later, with a sizeable number of their members away on the section's annual two day jaunt to the courses of west Wales, a short field of 13 embarked on an individual Stableford

competition. Modest scoring belied the very pleasant conditions, with the best return of the day being a net one below par 35 points from competition secretary, Gordon Campbell.

After a lengthy winter lay-off, Ainslie Adams staged a near Tiger Woods-esque comeback to secure second place, two shots back on net 33 points. Former club captain, Fred Evans, took third with net 30 points.

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## Going up - Barry RFC achieve promotion dream after thrilling victory!

**BARRY RFC finally clinched a well-earned promotion to Division One after a tense encounter with relegation-threatened Taff's Well on Saturday.**

Needing a win to maintain pressure on promotion rivals, Barry did all they could, coming away with a 40-34 victory. As news filtered through that Cilfynydd had lost, the celebrations on the field began in earnest as they revelled in their achievement.

Early penalties were exchanged in the opening minutes as Taff's Well had the better of the period, but a smart Barry break from a penalty saw

Brad White cross for the opening try with Kyle Baross adding the extras for a 10-3 lead.

Barry maintained the pressure and were rewarded with another Kyle Baross penalty stretching the lead, to be added to minutes later with a kick from near the halfway line.

Taff's Well came back with a penalty of their own and advanced into the Barry 22 for a series of scrums which proved fruitless as Barry held them to finally get a penalty which cleared the lines.

Attacking from the lineout Barry earned another penalty with Kyle Baross again successful to keep the scoreboard ticking over as the

lead stretched to 19-6 with the half drawing to a close. The remaining minutes saw no further scores added.

The second half saw Barry come out with all guns blazing and they got an early try as Tom Perry broke through the defence to score, giving Kyle Baross an easy conversion.

The game continued to be an open affair but it was Taff's Well who were to get the next score from a scrum break to cross for a converted try, reducing the deficit to 13 points.

The restart saw James Hadfield regather the kick to break, finding Einar Scott in support and he cleverly chipped over the defence to score

the try. The conversion by Kyle Baross left the score at 33-13.

Desperate to get back into the game, Taff's Well found themselves some territory and camped in the Barry 22. A series of penalties went against Barry with the referee finally deciding to award a penalty try.

Now into the final 15 minutes, Barry again took control from the restart as they worked their way close to the home line to earn a lineout.

Setting up a drive, the ball reached Alyn Evans to score the try and Kyle Baross added the conversion, taking the score to 40-20. That appeared to seal the victory, but Taff's had other ideas as they looked to get something from the game.

Barry knocked on the restart and Taff's Wells' heavier scrum got to work, forcing Barry to concede the penalty. Driving the lineout the stubborn Barry defence was unable to hold on as Taff's Well crossed for a converted try.

Now into the final minutes, and perhaps hearing that promotion was theirs, Barry were to concede a further

converted try with the conversion the last kick of the game with Taff's Wells' last-minute efforts earning them the points they needed to stave off relegation.

It was a wonderful end to what has been a long hard season for Barry and fully deserved. Congratulations to the whole squad for their commitment and to John and Liam for finally seeing the project they began five years ago come to fruition; at times it's not been easy.

Celebrations began at Taff's Well, who we thank for their generous hospitality, and then late into the night back home.

There's now a well-earned break for players and coaches but I'm sure thoughts are turning to the fresh challenges next season holds.

The lottery rolls over again this week after last weeks numbers of 03, 13, 15 and 22 failed to produce a winner; two tickets claimed the £10 prize. This week's jackpot will be £4,250.

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## 'Pay what you want' this Friday as Barry Town United cap off sensational season

**BARRY Town United will open the gates of Jenner Park for all this Friday night, in a special token of thanks to fans across the region and a celebration of the club's UEFA Europa League qualification.**

Having secured their place in June's preliminary round draw, Gavin Chesterfield's squad will put a bow on a milestone JD Welsh Premier League campaign with a special 'pay what you want' match against Newtown, with all supporters invited to set their own entry price for the 7.45pm kick-off.

With 56 points from their 31 fixtures, third-placed Barry are guaranteed to finish at least 10 points clear of the Robins, who will soon contest a four-way play-off with Caernarfon Town, Bala Town and Cardiff Metropolitan for Wales' final European spot.

However, their record against the mid-Walians has been patchy this season, with Chris Hughes' team producing a pair of victories over their Barry counterparts at Latham Park in October and March.

For supporters, Friday will offer a final chance to see the Town in competitive action before their Europa League adventure begins, with the first leg set for Thursday, June 27 and the second on July 4, with dates and locations to be determined at the Nyon, Switzerland draw on Tuesday, June 11.

While Barry's next away day adventure could take them as far afield as the Faroe Islands, their weekend visit to Connah's Quay Nomads represented more familiar territory, with a familiar result to boot, as the sides contested their third successive draw of the season in the Deeside sunshine.

Looking to lock down second-place Nomads seized the lead in the 27th minute, when the prolific Michael Wilde leapt high above the Barry defence to head past goalkeeper Mike Lewis.

It was the veteran striker's 178th goal in the Welsh top flight and one that saw him climb above the former Town forward Chris Summers to fourth in the league's all-time goalscoring list.

Though Connah's Quay's customary high-ball tactics caused their visitors some problems, Andy Morrison's men were unable to build upon their goal advantage on this warmest of Easter Saturdays.

Ultimately, the hosts would end up ruing this, as Barry struck back with 20 minutes remaining.

A well-worked build-up and the deftest of flicks proved the key to unlocking Nomads' defence, with Jonathan Hood running through to score, despite goalkeeper John Danby getting a touch on the ball.

There was a late scare for the travelling supporters when Wilde broke through on goal.

However, Lewis kept his focus and made a sharp save at the near post to keep the scoreline level.

Connah's Quay will now look forward to a second consecutive JD Welsh Cup final in May, but Barry should be hugely encouraged by their unbeaten record against them this season, their three draws accompanied by a standout 2-0 victory at Jenner Park in September, a result that helped set the stage for this excellent season.

Whatever the score on Friday night against Newtown, Barry have performed above and beyond expectation in 2018-19 and for that, the players, coaches and supporting staff deserve a stirring send-off before their brief summer break.

With spectators able to contribute as much or as little as they like at the turnstiles, Friday's match could be a good introduction to the club for new supporters – and what better time to get on board than in the run-up to a European campaign?

For Barry, the size of their challenge this summer will be great; yet the bigger they are, the harder they fall and the club has already revelled in its underdog status to reclaim a place near the top of the Welsh football pyramid.

It's been a tough journey back since the depths of expulsion, a mere six seasons ago. Now, with nothing to lose this Friday, it's time for all at Jenner Park to celebrate a season well done.

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## Another busy week for Barry Chess Club teams

**FOR the third consecutive week the Barry Chess Club had three matches to play in three different divisions – on this occasion only two of them were at home.**

In Division 1 the Bosons played high-flying Cardiff Bishops. We did well to earn draws from Matthew Davies and Steve Cunliffe on the top two boards but failed to pick up anything further down to lose 4-1.

We remain in ninth place and still with a minute chance of staying up.

The Cardiff AJs also lost 4-1 and became the first team to be relegated this season.

In Division 2 the Camelots travelled to Caerphilly to play the Knights.

Mark Cooke and Peter Watkins both recorded victories. Mike O'Leary and the returning Dave Turner both recorded draws to give us the win by 3-2, which confirms we cannot be relegated this season.

The Knights remain in trouble but should just about earn enough points to avoid relegation.

Elsewhere the North Cardiff Cheetahs surprisingly beat the Cardiff Monarchs 5-0 to temporarily at least knock the Monarchs off top spot.

In Division 4 the Gambits hosted the Cardiff Eagles.

With Ieuan Thomas earning his customary win and a good draw from Ken Curry the Gambits went down 3.5-1.5. The Gambits drop to a lowly seventh place but with games in hand should still make the top

three.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at [barrychessclub.yolasite.com](http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com).

Phil Jones

## Barry and District Ladies Skittles League

### DIVISION 1:

Cigar Ladies 257 (E Simmons 27), Allsorts 225 (J Jones 26); Bakers Dozen 203 (A Haines 28), Cadoxton Conservative Fillies 266 (C Pearce 30); La Belles 314 (R Clogg 34), Fallen Angels 328 (L McShee 36); Coppers 318 (N Punter 33), Family & Friends 259 (R Cummings 30); Special Angels 221 (J Abram 26), Sea View Gals 260 (N Williams & C Davies 26); Barry Stars 262 (S Ross 28), Space Finders 217 (R Whyman 24).

### Division 2:

Bobbys Girls 257 (J Barnett 27), Persuaders 258 (E Gardner 29); Breakaways 242 (N Richard 28), Clickies 266 (N Harvey 26); Colcot Ladies 223 (D Mansbridge 27), Roller Coasters 241 (C Thomas 28); Challengers 264 (A Beale 27), Airways Angels 271 (M Carpenter 28).

### Division 3:

Dolily Mixtures 228 (R Stewart 25), Little Devils 223 (D Harry 25); Etcetera 215 (S Dyke & L Miles 23), Hillbillies 218 (G Moorcraft 23); Vixens 237 (N Sheppard 26), Witchill Widows 203 (D Bushen 22); Westenders 224 (M Condon 30), Off the Rails 258 (L McCormack 29).

### Division 4:

Optimists 216 (S Bond 25), Aristocats 188 (M Rogers 24); Livin-on-a-Spare 331 (S Aston & S Farmer 31), Odd Bods 274 (K Bremen 31); Nite Outers 235 (F Glanville 24), Bimbos 244 (L Hobbs & C Cockram 26); Rebels 194 (A Phillips 24), Twilight 189 (C Brown 23).

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## Sully Centurions start with pre-season victory

**THE preparations for the new cricket season began in earnest last Saturday, when Sully Centurions hosted a decent Radyr side at Burnham Avenue and ran out winners by four wickets.**

Sully batted first and, thanks to 63 from Rhett Jones, 97 not out from Ricki Griffith and a dogged 47 not out from Nick Jones, managed to amass 227-6 at the end of the 40 overs.

After tea (provided once again by the Seashore Grill) Centurions restricted the visitors to 211-8. Clegg (59) and Conden, who hit 48, were top scorers for the visitors.

Jake Griffith (4 for 32) was the pick of the Sully bowlers, ably supported by brother Ricki, who added to his batting display with 2 for 37.

*Sully Centurions 227-6, Radyr 211-8.*

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## Rhooose pairs competition has a surprise conclusion

**THE leading team of Gary Williams and Nick Parry came up against an in-form team of Steve Downer and Anita Shears in their final match of the Australian Pairs competition at Rhooose Bowling Club.**

All that was needed was a win or a draw to clinch the title.

Unfortunately they went down by eight shots which left the way open for Dave Kendall and Mike White to take the



title with Lyn Wilmot and Sue Dance sneaking into second place by just three shots overall.

Competition secretary

Brian Shears had pleasure in presenting the winners with their trophy and cheques.

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